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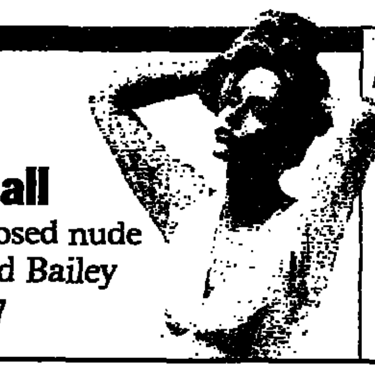

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MI5 called in to combat £2bn housing benefit fraud

By Dominic Kennedy, Michael Evans and Arthur Leathley

MI5 could become involved in operations to counter housing benefit fraud, which is costing the taxpayers up to £2 billion a year, ministers disclosed yesterday.

A special 120-strong investigative team will also be set up in London, where the problem is worst, and 19 million people are to be issued with plastic payment cards to replace allowance books and giros.

The measures were announced as the Commons Social Security Committee reported that housing benefit was now the target of organised crime and that one in five claims was fraudulent. "These most serious cases have nothing to do with poverty or desperation," the report says. "They are organised crimes motiviated by greed and deceit."

Frank Field, the committee chairman, said: "There are more multimillionaires created through housing benefit fraud than through the National Lottery." There was no language to describe the enormity of the problem. "It is like being asked to navigate an area with the tools available to Christopher Columbus in an age when you travel the galaxy."

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, disputed the £2 billion figure, saying his department put the cost of fraud at half that. But he nevertheless announced plans for identity cards and the London force, while Baroness Blatch told peers that MI5 could play a part in combating benefit frauds where they were on a national scale.

The security service is being given new powers to help the police and Customs to tackle organised crime and while it is expected to concentrate on drug trafficking and racketeering, Lady Blatch said that it could also help the Serious Fraud Office, the Immigration Sevice and the Benefits Agency.

At the moment, nine MI5 staff are working on organised crime investigations, although existing law allows them to deal only with terrorist organisations. When the new law comes into effect, the same group will become involved in other areas.

In the meantime, Mr Lilley is to put into effect the most sweeping reforms in the way benefits are paid since the establishment of the welfare state. The new plastic cards — which opponents fear are a precursor of national identity cards — will be linked to a computer system that will handle twice as many customers and four times as much money as Barclaycard.

Personal details, such as relatives' maiden names, will be stored on computer and holders will be asked random questions to ensure that they are who they say they are.

The cards will not be "smart cards" containing information about claimants, but Mr Lilley said the computer network would be a "smart system" capable of using smart cards in future.

The new system, one of the largest in Europe, will be phased in this autumn and besides paying benefits and utility bills, postmasters are interested in using it to book holidays and arrange travel insurance for customers.

Ministers are also preparing to announce plans to prevent some 15 million "spare" National Insurance numbers being used fraudulently. Most relate to people who have died, and they are acquired rather as Frederick Forsyth used the identity of a dead infant to obtain a passport in his book *The Day of the Jackal*.

Cheating landlords, page 4

Britons plucked to safety

Hostages freed in jungle rescue

By Our Correspondent in Jakarta and Bill Frost

FOUR Cambridge graduates were last night enjoying their first night of freedom since January after a dramatic rescue operation part-planned by the SAS released them from a rebel camp in the Indonesian jungle.

Special forces slid down ropes from helicopters to rescue the quartet and five other hostages — one of them seven months pregnant — after a five-day chase across some of the most rugged terrain in the world. Two Indonesians were still being held by the kidnappers, who fled with troops in hot pursuit.

Shots were fired during the operation, but no one was hurt and the hostages were all reported to be in good health. They had to remain halfway up a jungle mountain with 25 members of the Indonesian special forces overnight, however, because the monsoon made flying impossible.

They are expected to come down today, weather permitting, and have a medical check. If all goes according to plan, they will return to Jakarta this afternoon and then home to England.

Anna McIvor, Daniel Start, Annette van der Kolk and William Oates, all aged 21 or 22, were among 26 people taken prisoner by the separatist Free Papua Movement (OPM) while studying a planned nature reserve in the province of Irian Jaya on January 8. The guerrillas said they were holding the young scientists to draw world attention to their struggle to win independence for the area, 2,500 miles northeast of Jakarta, and the student captives all supported their cause.

Miss McIvor's mother, Susan, said: "This has been an amazing learning experience for all four of them. We never thought they were in any danger from their captors."

Throughout the operation, two Metropolitan Police security experts and British military advisers have been in Irian Jaya. However Graham Burton, the British ambassador in Jakarta, denied that the SAS or any other British soldiers had taken an active part in the rescue. "This has been an Indonesian operation," he said. "They know the area better than anyone and we have left the operational details to them. The military set out to release the hostages and in an action on the mountain they released them.

"It took five days to free the hostages because the special forces trackers did not want to make any mistakes. It is impossible to move quickly over the terrain and false trails had to be checked as well. We all feel absolutely great, but will feel even greater when we get the last two Indonesians out."

The freed hostages (clockwise from top left): Anna McIvor, Annette van der Kolk, William Oates and Daniel Start

The International Committee of the Red Cross began mediation attempts on February 7, and since then the hostages had been in regular contact with their families, both sending and receiving letters. From these it appeared that the kidnappers looked after their prisoners well, with a regular supply of food the biggest problem.

The four Britons and some of the Indonesians had been on a joint Cambridge University and Jakarta Biological Sciences Club expedition to the Lorentz nature reserve in the Baliem Valley. Two days before they were due to leave the area, they were captured.

The 26 people seized on January 8 included a number of Indonesians, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) staff and Dutch UNESCO workers. Eleven Indonesians were freed after four days and a German WWF worker was released three days later on condition he returned after presenting the OPM's demands. He never went back. By yesterday, only the four Britons, two Dutch — including the pregnant Martha Klein — and five Indonesians were still in captivity.

Hostages' sympathy, page 5

Ministers raise hopes of EU easing beef ban

By Charles Bremner in Brussels and Philip Webster

MINISTERS voiced hopes last night that the ban on British beef would be eased next week in spite of a suspension of talks in Brussels.

Europe's scientific veterinary experts decided not to push plans for a partial end to the ban to a vote after eight hours of negotiations because of objections from Germany and other countries to an immediate lifting of the embargo.

The further delay infuriated Conservative Euro-sceptics last night. But after a day on which President Chirac swung his support behind the partial lifting of the ban during his visit to London, the Government said last night that important progress had been made.

Officials spoke of growing support for Britain's position and expressed confidence that the ban on gelatine and other by-products would go on Monday after Britain has provided more details of its measures to combat BSE.

The Cabinet will review the suspension this morning but informed sources were last night ruling out the adoption of any retaliatory measures. "We are slowly getting there by negotiation and this is not the time to up the ante," they said.

After the talks Keith Meldrum, the British chief veterinary officer, said he was confident that Britain would be able next week to provide the guarantees that other states were requiring before giving the nod to the proposal from the European Commission to exempt the products from the ban. "I'm very optimistic," he said. "We are a lot nearer than we were two months ago." His view was shared, in more cautious terms, by officials from other states.

In a Commons debate on agriculture, Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, said there were some technical issues that needed to be sorted out but added that "good progress" had been made at the talks.

Britain must offer precise details on how it will monitor the manufacture of the by-products and abide by strict conditions on temperature treatment and other matters required by the Commission. Some Continental officials said approval would be tied to the presentation of Britain's full programme for eradicating BSE.

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Runcie confesses to ordaining homosexuals

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

LORD RUNCIE, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, last night blew apart the Church of England's uneasy truce on homosexuality when he condemned its present stance as "ludicrous" and said he had knowingly ordained practising homosexuals.

Asked by the *Times* journalist Anthony Howard, on BBC Radio 4's *The Purple, the Blue and the Red*, whether he knowingly ordained practising homosexuals, Lord Runcie says: "Yes. I feel that's an answer that would do justice to a *Panorama* Princess of Wales interview, but it wasn't quite as dramatic as that, because I have not knowingly ordained anyone who told me they were a practising homosexual and were living with someone as if it were a marriage. I have not ordained anybody — in fact I have halted an ordination — when I discovered that."

However, he continued: "On the other hand, there have been times in my ministry when I have acted in a 'don't want to know way and why should I inquire way', and I never liked the prospect of inquiring into what happened in a man's bedroom unless he was prepared to tell me."

In the interview, due to be broadcast this evening, Lord Runcie criticised the Church's position on the issue. "At the moment, it's at an unsatisfactory compromise where officially the line is that nobody can be ordained who engages in genital sexual activity and yet you can be a member of the Church if you do so." He said this line was "ludicrous".

The former archbishop said the root of the problem was the decision in 1930 to sanction the use of birth control. "Once the Church accepted artificial contraception they signalled that sexual activity was for human delight and a blessing, even if it was divorced from any idea of procreation. Once you've said that sexual activity was a matter of delight and pleasing to God in itself, then what about people who engaged in same sex expression and who are incapable of heterosexual expression?"

Runcie: attacked Church's "ludicrous" approach

Bishops, struggling to maintain what is widely regarded as an impossible position, since they effectively sanctioned homosexual relationships among the laity but outlawed them for clergy, were privately appalled.

"This has completely taken my breath away," said one bishop. "I can't believe he's said that," said another senior churchman.

The Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, accused the former archbishop of "dishonesty". He said: "The archbishop did something which at the time was thought improper, and without so much as a by-your-leave."

Hardline Hindus get chance to rule

The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party will head India's new Government under the leadership of Atal Vajpayee, who will be sworn in today as Prime Minister. He has been given until May 31 to submit himself to a vote of confidence in the Lok Sabha (lower house). He is substantially short of a majority and has only an outside chance of surviving the vote............ Page 12

Dole quits Senate

Bob Dole, the Republican presidential contender, has amazed Washington by deciding to give up the Senate leadership and his Senate seat in an attempt to revive his campaign. Democrats called it an act of desperation: he trails President Clinton by 20 points............ Page 13

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Merrie England goes to the wall to greet an old foe

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

THE President of France has a peculiarly Gallic smile, fastidious and slightly pained, like a cat with indigestion. To misquote, the French are so damned French it looks like an affectation. None more so than Jacques Chirac, whom peers and MPs welcomed to Westminster yesterday with a display of tin soldiers and top-of-the-range Merrie England flummery in best Ruritanian tradition.

All assembled in the vast Royal Gallery, which fulfils almost no function beyond these occasional VIP dog-hangings. A baroque frenzy of Victorian interior decoration — all display and no grace — it boasts enough gilt, oak, velvet and de-luxe wallpaper to furnish ten thousand curry houses.

An ermined George III gazed fatly from his frame through a phalanx of cameramen herded into a pen beneath. One wonders what he made of it. First came a disparate crew of MPs and peers jostling to their seats, inspecting headsets to translate M Chirac's French. French guests would be bilingual. We would not. Next came five creatures in scarlet and gold carpets and black hats with coloured frills, bearing pikes with tassels: hybrids of Tudor infantryman and Yankee drum majorette.

Cornet players in plumed brass helmets raised their instruments for an acid fanfare and in pranced a stately duo in black and gold: suntanned Betty Boothroyd with Lord Mackay of Clashfern: Betty out-brocading James., whose wig needs dry-cleaning.

Miss Boothroyd's silver wig is the more stunning for not being a wig, the Lord Chancellor's a lightly ruffled pond beside Madam Speaker's souffléd storm of curls. The carpets bowed. In paddled Sir Edward Heath, late, but entitled to be: after the carpets a dignified addendum to the Constitution, a portly afterthought.

Someone dressed like Colonel Gaddafi marched up to adjust the microphone: the Mike-Adjuster-in-Waiting, the carpets being too busy with their pikes. Another fanfare. In strode the French President, looking French.

The Lord Chancellor made a polite speech of no consequence, mentioning, as required on these occasions, the Second World War and the Channel Tunnel. He also mentioned "reminders around these walls of when relations were less cordial," which was cheeky considering that poor M Chirac was obliged to address an audience whose backdrop was two huge friezes, of the defeat of the French at Waterloo and Trafalgar. Both depicted scenes of indescribable carnage.

At Trafalgar (where the powder-monkey priming the British cannons was the spitting image of Teresa Gorman) Hardy was tastefully hanging back from kissing Lord Nelson, perhaps lest this reinforce in M Chirac's mind some French prejudices about the English.

The President spoke. Adopting a distantly thoughtful expression, he mentioned the Second World War and the Channel Tunnel. His remarks were punctuated by a polite cough. He said nothing, as was required. Thanking him, Madam Speaker mentioned the Second World War and the Channel Tunnel, then, in a moment of abandon, Eric Cantona. Vive la France!, she concluded, in merciful contrast to the "tell Europe to get stuffed" she had had to take from one Conservative MP last week.

Another fanfare and out filed the carpets. President Chirac left, released from our barbarities, still looking French. We had warmed to him — "that sweet enemy, France," as Sir Philip Sidney wrote more than 400 years ago.

Plus ça change.

Chirac pleads with Britain to join single currency

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

In the eyes of most Englishmen and women, "the greatest living Frenchman" was not the man who came to speak to Parliament yesterday, according to Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker. Mr Chirac, the first French leader since de Gaulle to have been allowed the honour of addressing both Houses of Parliament, smiled broadly when the Speaker declared: "Throughout last week the Tricolour was being carried in triumph by thousands of people through the streets of Manchester." She went on: "It was not, I fear, in honour of your great statesmen's achievements. It was a tribute to a man who many of my fellow countrymen and women clearly regard as the greatest living Frenchman. I refer to Eric Cantona, who scored the winning goal in the Cup Final and became a hero of a large proportion of the British public."

PRESIDENT CHIRAC appealed to MPs yesterday to support monetary union and urged Britain not to exercise its right to opt out.

In a speech to both Houses of Parliament, he expressed confidence that Britain would, in the end, be among the founding participants in a single currency in 1999. "France wants you to take part in this great undertaking," he said.

His call, coming immediately after talks at Downing Street on the inter-governmental conference and the development of the European Union, was swiftly rebuffed by Tory Euro-sceptics, who accused him of "gentle bullying" and trying to entice Britain into "this mad enterprise".

Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, said the single currency was a "recipe for unemployment and misery". The former Cabinet minister John Redwood said that Britain should do all it could to stop greater European integration.

M Chirac, however, was ebullient in laying out the advantages. "It is an ambitious project, full of promises," he said. "The promise to improve the workings of the single market. The promise of growth and therefore job-creation. The promise of cohesion and solidarity at the heart of the Union. The promise, finally, of a greater influence on the world economy."

He insisted that France would be ready and willing to go ahead with a single currency in 1999. "I would like to reaffirm here my determination to stick to the timetable that has been laid down."

His remarks were followed by an assertion of Britain's importance to its partners. A Europe without Britain was "unimaginable", he said. "A strong, influential Europe that is capable of playing a full role in the world is a Europe in which the United Kingdom makes its voice heard."

Earlier, after talks with Mr Major, he expressed understanding for British views on Europe and said that differences had been discussed in a friendly way. He said that the Maastricht convergence criteria for economic and monetary union were founded on common sense and sound management of the economy.

He paid Mr Major the kind of politically valuable compliment that emphasised their close personal relationship. "Other countries haven't been as wise as the United Kingdom in past years, so we now face deficit problems and unemployment problems," he said. Mr Major beamed.

During 90 minutes of talks, the two also discussed their increasingly close defence relations, the expansion of Nato and the European Union, Bosnia, the EU inter-governmental conference and proposals to increase the number of school exchanges between Britain and France.

M Chirac said a "strong British presence" was important in building the future of Europe. "What I would like to see is these friendly discussions going forward so we can hear the views of the United Kingdom strongly in the European system."

The two appeared relaxed and to enjoy each other's company. Mr Major was greatly amused by a question on whether France would take the lead in a *ménage à trois* with Britain and Germany, but Mr Chirac diplomatically insisted that France would play a "harmonising role" between its suitors.

In his speech to Parliament, M Chirac referred several times to the close ties between Britain and France and the "darkest hours" of the last war. Now the two countries must once again reflect on their common power "at a crucial moment in the consideration of Europe".

He highlighted the symbolism of the Channel Tunnel, saying that it was now a reality anchoring England to Europe. Britain was "no longer quite the island it was".

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President Chirac and John King yesterday and, below, in 1950 when they last met

President and friend meet after 46 years

By Russell Jenkins

THE French President and a semi-retired businessman greeted each other like long-lost friends yesterday. The last time they met was 46 years ago when Jacques Chirac was a teenager in Tintin plus-fours.

The President, a beaming smile across his face, opened his arms and offered a Gallic embrace when John King, now 63, walked into the 1884 room in Buckingham Palace yesterday.

"It is lovely to see you," he told his old chum, who had introduced the 14-year-old Jacques to postwar austerity Britain during an exchange visit to his parents' home in Rochester, Kent, in 1947.

For ten minutes the two men were lost in their memories as they recalled their adventures in the Kentish town and then at the Chiracs' Paris flat and house in the country. The President spoke of his continuing fondness for fish and chips and laughed as Mr King recalled the rows of empty shelves in the grocery stores during the immediate postwar period.

"Nescafé was very difficult to find," Mr King said. "I went out shopping with him and we would call into shops to see if we could find a tin of the coffee. I remember passing a decorator's shop with tins of paint in the shop window. Nothing I could do would dissuade Jacques, who was very determined, from going into the shop. 'I'm going to ask for Nescafé,' said Jacques. I told him not to bother and, of course, he came out very disappointed."

Mr King, a retired British Telecom main board director, who lives in Reigate, Surrey, with his wife Ina, read of M Chirac's desire to meet him in *The Times*. "I immediately rang the Foreign Office and the machinery sprang into action straight away."

M Chirac's parents had contacted teachers at the Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School in Rochester seeking an exchange visit with a suitable English teenager. John volunteered.

When the young Jacques Chirac arrived he wore the baggy plusfours of the age, trousers tucked into socks. Mr King wore shorts and only graduated into long trousers a year later.

"He has fond memories of my parents — my mother, Doris, is still alive at 87 and lives in Bath. I have equally fond memories of his parents, who were extremely kind to me and went to a lot of trouble to introduce me to the French way of life."

Neither teenager spoke much of each other's language but the tension this caused on the first exchange visit in 1947 was eased by two more, in 1948 and 1950. "At first it was very difficult. Jacques's English was very poor, as was my French. We would have a dictionary on the table at meal-times.

"At times it was a slightly tricky relationship but we had a lot of laughs, a lot of fun and a lot of disagreements. We were both very competitive and I remember he was always desperate to win at Monopoly, as was I.

"He went through a lot of hard times before he became President and overcame them showing typical courage."

Mr King said that his new-found friend has insisted that the pair keep in touch from now on. The President had issued an open invitation to Mr King to see him at the Elysée Palace when he is next over in Paris and Mr King was happy to accept.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lab flaw could free Tyneside bomber

Police fear that the conviction of Sean McNulty, 28, for bombing oil and gas installations in Tyneside will be overturned after the discovering of equipment contaminated with explosives at a forensic laboratory. Swabs taken from McNulty's vehicle and a house he visited were sent to the laboratory near Sevenoaks, Kent, where equipment was contaminated with RDX, a component of Semtex. The tests on McNulty's swabs showed minute traces of RDX. He is currently in Whitemoor jail, serving 25 years.

Vigilante killing

A vigilante gang wielding sticks and baseball bats beat a suspected drugs dealer to death in the Kilmainham area of inner-city Dublin. Fifteen men attacked the victim and a friend at 9.30pm on Tuesday night. The victim, who was named as Josie Dwyer, 41, died in hospital.

New lease of life

Lisa Leeson, whose husband brought down Barings, started work at Gatwick yesterday as a stewardess for Virgin Atlantic Airways. Nick Leeson is serving six years in Singapore for fraud. Mrs Leeson, 27, will qualify for cut-price flights after six months in the job.

Help for victims

Legislation to stop sex offenders collecting and using the statements of victims as pornography is to be introduced by the Government, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday. The statements would be controlled whether the defendents were in prison or on bail.

BBC talked to OJ

The BBC has admitted that the *Panorama* reporter Martin Bashir had flown to the United States to discuss a television interview with the former American football star O.J. Simpson. Simpson was said to be impressed with Bashir's interview with the Princess of Wales.

Lottery mania

Britain's jobless spend £4 million every week on the National Lottery, a new survey of the unemployed claims today. The survey, by Jobsearch UK, says 70 per cent of jobless buy a lottery ticket most weeks. On average, they spend £2.60 a week — £4 in Wales and £1.50 in London and the South East.

Baby inquest

The newborn baby found dead in a freezer at the London home of Emma Gifford, daughter of the former head of the Rank Organisation, may have died from neglect, Westminster Coroner's Court was told. The exact cause of death was not yet known. The hearing was adjourned.

Censor criticised

A cross-party group of more than 200 MPs, led by David Alton, Liberal Democrat, called yesterday for the resignation of James Ferman, the chief film censor, and threatened legal action over his decision to allow the video release of Oliver Stone's film, *Natural Born Killers*.

Record tipple

A wine lover spent £148,500 on seven bottles of burgundy, five times the price they were expected to fetch, at Sotheby's. The collection of methuselahs of the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti's 1985 vintage, became the most expensive single lot ever sold at a Sotheby's wine sale.

Brown puts £3m cap on spending as Labour unveils youth training scheme

By Jill Sherman
Chief Political Correspondent

GORDON BROWN put a £3 billion cap on new spending by a Labour government yesterday as the party unveiled an ambitious programme to help 600,000 youngsters to find work or training.

Mr Brown, Tony Blair and three other Shadow Cabinet ministers shared the platform in a deliberate display of unity to launch Labour's "new deal for a lost generation".

Mr Blair dismissed as "Westminster tittle-tattle" and "fevered nonsense" reports of Shadow Cabinet splits and a rift between Mr Brown and Peter Mandelson, one of Mr Blair's closest allies. But *The Times* understands that determined efforts have been made this week to bring about a reconciliation between the two.

In his toughest statement yet on public spending, the Shadow Chancellor insisted that Labour would spend no more than the amount yielded by the one-off windfall tax on privatised utilities, estimated to be between £2 billion and £3 billion, which would be spread over three years.

The utilities tax would be spent solely on the two packages outlined yesterday to help the young unemployed and unskilled. They will cost £1.5 billion in the first year and £500 million in successive years. Mr Brown said that any extra plans would have to be paid for out of savings.

Labour will replace the Youth Training Scheme with a new programme, Target 2000, under which all young people would be required to reach a certain level of literacy, numeracy and information technology skills, equivalent to five GCSEs, by the time they were 18.

Employers will be required to give youngsters who have not reached this level six hours off a week to study. The scheme, which will be co-ordinated by Further Education Colleges and Training and Enterprise Councils, will be funded by the £550 million saved from abolishing the current scheme.

Jobless youngsters will also be encouraged to become "crime busters" by joining Labour's environmental task force. Youngsters will get £20 on top of benefit to help to prevent crime and clear up graffiti.

Mr Blair put the price of youth unemployment, crime and social decay at £10 billion, or 5p on the standard rate of income tax. "Britain will only regain its standing in the world if we harness the talents of our young people," he said. "There is a lost generation who have been hurt by the Tories and who are hurting still."

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said the package was "muddled, untargeted and takes us straight back to the dependency culture which they have always favoured".

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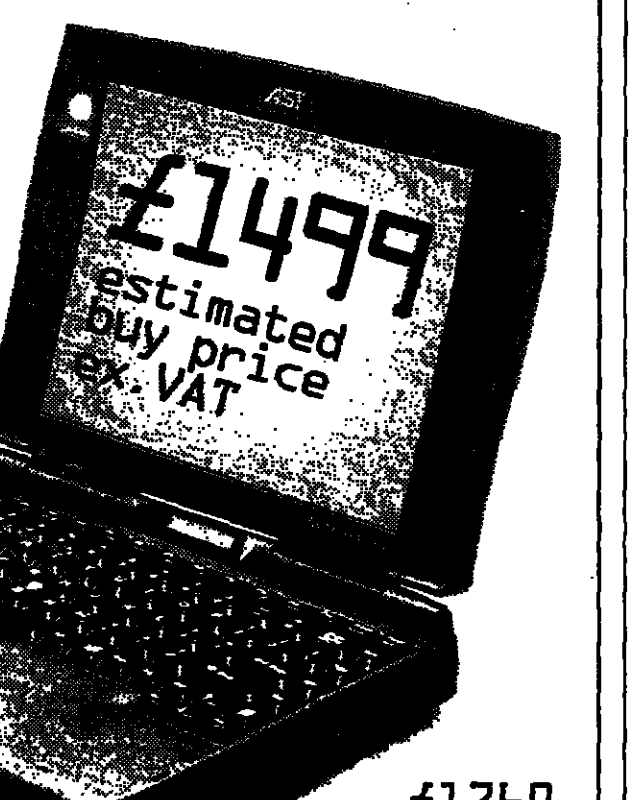

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Vicar accused of stealing £7,000 from church funds

By Kate Alderson

A VICAR and his churchwarden stole £7,275 and funnelled it into a secret bank account, a court was told yesterday.

They applied for money from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Fund after the Rev Stephen Ashton reported several incidents of vandalism and theft. "Cheques were sent to the church. Some went into the proper bank account some unfortunately did not," said Paul O'Brien, for the prosecution.

The alleged fiddle was discovered after Mr Ashton, 41, and Cameron Luke, 26, left the church, St Wilfrid and St Anne, in Newton Heath, Manchester. The two men, who now live in Helston, Cornwall, are accused of stealing three separate insurance payouts for vandalism and theft made to St Wilfrid's between April 1991 and April 1992, where Mr Ashton had been priest-in-charge. They denied the charges at Manchester Crown Court.

Mr O'Brien said the Church of England's insurers had made payments, some of which were put in the official church account, but payments for £3,245.98, £3,000 and £1,030 went to the secret account set up by Mr Ashton and Mr Luke at another bank.

Mr Ashton was appointed to St Wilfrid's in Feruary 1989 while Mr Luke worked as the church organist. Mr Luke was elected as churchwarden in April 1991.

Ashton: left Manchester for Cornwall in 1992

"Mr Ashton was responsible for the financial management of the church," the court was told. "He was also in charge of the administrative affairs of the church and parochial church council."

The existence of the unofficial church account was discovered after Mr Ashton resigned to become vicar of Breage with Germoe, near Helston, in 1992. Mr Luke accompanied the vicar to his new posting in Cornwall. Eight months later, Father Geoffrey Dobson took over at Newton Heath. After investigating the church's accounts he became suspicious and called in a diocesan financial officer. "He had certain suspicions relating to the financial affairs of the church while Ashton had been there," Mr O'Brien said.

It was discovered that a bank account, "St Wilfrid's 1990 Account", had been opened in January 1990 and had two signatories, Mr Luke and Mr Ashton. More than £13,000 had been paid into the account and withdrawn.

"That account was never declared to the parochial church council or indeed to anyone else," said Mr O'Brien. "It was closed when the two men left the parish and before they went to Cornwall.

"Mr Ashton had made various reports of theft and damage to the Church and made various insurance claims from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group." Father Dobson contacted the insurance company and discovered that insurance payments did not tally with money deposited in the official church bank accounts. He called in the police and Mr Luke and Mr Ashton voluntarily attended a police station in Manchester in March 1995. They were arrested and interviewed. Both defendants denied any theft or any dishonesty, the court was told.

The trial continues.

WPC Lesley Price used her skills as a former beautician to age her appearance by 40 years. "Even my close friends didn't recognise me"

Policewoman transformed into frail pensioner brought down subway mugger with rugby tackle

By A Staff Reporter

A MUGGER received a shock when the "pensioner" he was trying to rob of her handbag rugby-tackled him and held him in an armlock. Despite the hunched frame, wrinkled face and grey hair, the victim was a policewoman.

Yesterday a judge praised WPC Lesley Price, 26, a rugby player and former beautician. "Her behaviour was in the best traditions of the police force," he said as she listened from the public gallery at Knutsford Crown Court, Cheshire. "The operation has resulted in removing two dangerous and utterly cynical men from society."

Stephen McCarthy, 25, of Macclesfield, and his partner Lee Pownall, 25, were caught during the two-week Operation Maggot, involving ten officers, after attacks on pensioners in the town. McCarthy was found guilty of attempted robbery yesterday and remanded in custody for sentencing tomorrow. Pownall is serving nine years for burglaries and robberies, including the one on WPC Price.

She aged herself with make-up, cotton wool pads inside her mouth, a wig and clothes from charity shops. She said after the case: "It was hard walking slow and hunched over all day but I had to keep in character. Even my close friends didn't recognise me.

"I had watched these two men following me and knew who they were. I was walking down into an underpass and saw them waiting at the entrance. I was so scared. I just wanted to run, but I had to carry on walking very slow. I was really staring danger in the face. I carried on looking down at the floor and they grabbed my handbag and pulled it, bruising my arm.

"As one ran off with the bag I jumped on the other one and pushed him against some railings and put him in an arm-lock. He was so shocked he didn't know what to say. I was just relieved it was all over.

"We had seen a similar operation carried out by the Met and they had some good results. We had a spate of incidents and something needed to be done. Other members of the team were able to follow the second man and arrest him near by. I radioed through to say where he was going. He looked back and stopped. I bet he couldn't believe that this old woman had jumped on his friend."

WPC Price, who plays for Macclesfield women's rugby team, said: "It could have been my gran or my nan. Old ladies who have suffered attacks like that have ended up in hospital with the injuries. I only had a bruised arm and pulled a muscle in my shoulder. I hate to think what could have happened."

Detective Chief Inspector Neil Booth said: "It was the very brave action by Lesley and hard work by the whole team that resulted in the arrests."

Dismissed graduate wins cash handout

By Emma Wilkins

A MUSIC graduate who endured four months of sexual harassment from her boss was awarded £7,000 compensation yesterday. Jemima Bayly, 20, was repeatedly insulted and pinned against the filing cabinet in her office by James Brogan, 38, an industrial tribunal was told.

Miss Bayly, a graduate of City University in London, started as a personal assistant at Mr Brogan's scaffolding firm in Southgate, north London, last June. Four months later she was sacked from her £18,000-a-year job.

She was awarded £3,000 for sexual discrimination and £4,048 for loss of earnings by the London tribunal. Mr Brogan, who is married, did not attend the hearing.

Miss Bayly, from Hornsey, north London, said Mr Brogan asked her out twice a week. On one occasion when she declined, he emptied a bin at her feet and ordered her to pick up the rubbish. While she was using a fax machine, Mr Brogan knelt on the floor next to her. Miss Bayly said: "He said he was trying to see if I wore stockings or tights."

After she was dismissed, Mr Brogan spent the following day sitting in his car outside her flat. She said: "I was trapped inside my house the whole day. The only way I could get some freedom was to meet him and tell him to go away. He said I hadn't fulfilled my role and said I had to have a more personal relationship with him."

Lahore's golden couple herald a happy event

By Emma Wilkins

IMRAN Khan and his wife Jemima are expecting their first child, the couple announced yesterday. Mrs Khan, 22, daughter of Sir James and Lady Annabel Goldsmith, is due to give birth in November at a hospital in London.

"My daughter is expecting a baby and we are all absolutely thrilled. It's wonderful news," Lady Annabel said from the family home in Richmond upon Thames.

The couple, who are based in Lahore, decided that the child should be born at St Thomas's Hospital in Lambeth, so that Lady Annabel could be on hand to offer support. The child will have dual Pakistani and British nationality and will be a Muslim, a family spokesman said. "Sir James thinks it's absolutely wonderful."

Jemima Khan: baby expected in November

Mr Khan, 43, the former Pakistan cricket captain who now leads a political movement in his home country, is due to fly to London tomorrow to visit his in-laws.

His wife, who is already in Richmond staying with her mother, will return with her husband to Pakistan but is expected to commute to London regularly for medical check-ups.

The couple, who were married in June last year at Richmond Register Office, were devastated last month when a bomb exploded at Mr Khan's cancer hospital in Lahore.

The blast, which killed six people, was interpreted as an attempt to assassinate Mr Khan because he was due to be in the outpatients' ward when the bomb exploded. After the bombing, Mr Khan said he was considering hiring a bodyguard for his wife.

Acknowledging that the repeated death threats made against him were difficult for his wife to cope with, Mr Khan said: "It is tough for her but I think she will be OK. She is not a target here. There is not reason why she should be made a target."

Mrs Khan, who has endured speculation that she is pregnant ever since her marriage, said recently that she approved of the way Pakistani people brought up their children.

"There's something about the extended family system which means that children are stable and loved, yet disciplined. They're just a pleasure to be around," she said.

Blackbird chorus spreads alarm among car owners

By Paul Wilkinson

THE concerted wail of car alarms might make people think that the quiet market town of Guisborough is a Mecca for vehicle thieves, but it is just the local dawn chorus limbering up for another day.

The North Yorkshire town is beset by blackbirds which have taken to imitating anti-theft devices. The musical dexterity of *Turdus merula* is proving a serious problem for locals, who are regularly jolted from their sleep by the sound.

The town is sometimes a target for criminals from less affluent areas of Teesside close by, but when the owners rush out to confront the thieves they often find a blackbird in mid-song. Donald O'Shea, a barman, said: "When I first heard it I thought I had set off my own alarm. It took a while before I realised it was this blackbird.

"It had the tone and pitch just right. The sound of car alarms is hardly rare in Guisborough, but now even the birds have joined in, we'll all be driven crackers."

The blackbird: mimics tone of car alarms

The phenomenon was first discovered by Mark Topping, 32, a local radio reporter. He said: "At five every morning I heard this irritating noise outside. It seemed to be a car alarm, but there wasn't one close enough. Then I saw this blackbird sitting right outside the bedroom window. After that I began to realise other birds had picked it up."

Chris Mead, of the British Trust for Ornithology, said: "At least half our native bird species are capable of mimicry. Most people have heard starlings wolf whistle, and about 15 years ago song thrushes were imitating the warble of trimphones."

David Hirst, of the RSPB, said: "Starlings are normally the Rory Bremners of the bird world, but this blackbird has it to a T. One bird often passes its song on to a neighbour, so it may become a lot more common."

Cleveland police said: "Blackbirds cannot be picking up the noise because a lot of cars are being pinched. Car crime in Cleveland for the first quarter of this year is down by 25 per cent."

□ Great reed warblers with the best voices will have young that live longer, according to research by three Swedish ecologists. It suggests that the females, by picking the best singers, choose the males best-fitted to ensure the longevity of their offspring. The research also showed that the males with the greatest variation in their warbling attracted more females.

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Job reprieve for champion of fight against house fraud

By Ian Murray and Carol Midgley

Crofton: found evidence of organised crime

EARLY yesterday a champion of the fight against housing fraud in local government learnt that an attempt by 18 members of Hackney council to dismiss him as director of housing had failed on a technicality.

A motion calling for the dismissal of Bernard Crofton was not allowed because councillors cannot dismiss senior officers. His future will now be the subject of a report by the chief executive.

Ironically, the closed meeting ended just a few hours before a Social Security Committee report hailed him as an "outstanding public servant" for cracking local housing benefit fraud. It said that Mr Crofton had been an inspiration and applauded his determination and courage.

Mr Crofton, 50, took over the most daunting task in local government housing when he accepted the £70,000-a-year post at Hackney in 1990. Since then he has been praised for driving out crime in Hackney's chaotic housing department, eradicating squatting, increasing rent collection to almost 100 per cent and succeeding in having a dozen dilapidated tower blocks demolished.

But he has also been accused of misconduct, racism and lying. A 468-page report commissioned by the council and written by Ian Macdonald, QC, concluded that Mr Crofton was a liar who fostered an atmosphere in which black employees were subjected to a witch hunt. It accuses him of fraudulently claiming that there was a conspiracy to dismiss him in order to win back his job.

Mr Crofton first found himself accused of racism when he checked the housing register against the council's own staff list and found African names showing people who were both drawing benefit and being paid. He also found evidence that keys to empty council properties were being sold for anything up to £3,000.

"Council officers were almost certainly involved because they knew which properties were empty," he said. He tried to sort the matter out through the council's own internal procedures but when this got nowhere he decided in mid-1991 to report his findings to councillors, only to be met with scepticism.

Although he received some verbal threats and his car was once vandalised, he said he continued to get on well with his staff. "It is just not true that the black staff were hostile to me."

In 1994, however, he was reported for racism after a dispute with the council personnel director. A year and 11 days after being suspended, he was cleared and went back to work last October.

He believes the Commons committee's estimate of £2 billion being lost to fraud is well below the mark. His experience at Hackney indicates that organised crime is involved.

"I found that although we were losing money through inefficiencies we were also losing it because people were stealing it," he said. "There are landlords who have a property with only four flats and who send along up to 30 to claim benefit. They pay the people a small amount and pocket the difference."

GILL ALLEN

Simon Lane, head of Brent's special investigations unit, with colleagues Saiqa Butt and Selwyn Johnson

Investigators face daily violence and threats

By Adrian Lee

HOUSING benefit fraud cost the taxpayer an estimated £20 million last year in the London borough of Brent alone.

The council's response was to assign 12 officers in its special investigations unit to tackle the growing crime. This week they were looking at landlords claiming benefit for tenants who had moved on or simply never existed. Corrupt landlords account for about a third of housing benefit fraud in Brent. For the investigators, who make regular early-morning checks on properties, violence and intimidation are a daily hazard. Last year they identified fraud worth £2.8 million.

Selwyn Johnson, 40, joined the unit after serving 16 years with the Metropolitan Police. "We are dealing with dishonest and often very violent people who are frequently involved in other crimes. We are increasingly entering properties where drugs are on display and weapons are routinely kept," he said. On one occasion Mr Johnson received a death threat, delivered by courier, after he gave evidence against a landlord later jailed for three years for fraud. Once when questioning a claimant, he noticed a machete embedded in a chair and a bayonet taped to a bed.

In Brent, asylum-seekers from Africa and Croatia are a source of worry. Corrupt landlords are known to collect them in vans from airports, put them in tiny rooms containing nothing but a mattress on the floor and take £55 benefit a week. Once the cheques begin arriving the refugees are evicted.

Mr Johnson's colleague, Saiqa Butt, 30, a barrister, is also used to death threats. In one investigation an irate claimant arrived demanding to see her. It took seven police officers to restrain the man who, it later emerged, had 20 convictions for violence.

Simon Lane, 31, head of the unit, expects violence to get worse. "Now we are targeting organised crime the stakes are going to get higher."

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The new card to be issued to all benefit claimants

Landlords cheat benefit system out of £2bn a year

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

A CRIMINAL conspiracy by landlords to cheat the social security budget of £2 billion a year was exposed yesterday in one of the most damning reports into the benefit system.

The National Insurance numbers of the living and dead are being hijacked to claim housing benefit for fictitious tenants at non-existent properties, according to a report by the Commons Social Security Committee. When investigators try to crack the fraud rings, they are threatened with baseball bats, drug needles and knives. Anti-fraud officers are convinced it is only a matter of time before somebody is killed.

Anyone can create an agency to let flats, a system described by the London Boroughs Fraud Investigators Group as "the Wild West approach to the letting of private rented accommodation". Many of the landlords are suspected of being dangerous criminals linked to drugs and money-laundering. Even when they are caught, few are taken to court.

"There is little to deter landlord fraudsters. Merely to have the fraudulent benefit withdrawn is hardly a punishment," the report says. Instead, they should be confronted by a new Social Security Fraud Squad with powers to trawl confidential records, the MPs say.

"We believe that the population as a whole should be recruited by the Government to help ensure that the National Insurance number system is secure," the report states. Annual statements should be sent to the holders of National Insurance numbers so that people can tell if an impostor is "piggybacking" — using their number to claim benefit.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, said yesterday that plastic payment cards would be issued to all 19 million benefit claimants instead of allowance books or giros, which can be stolen or forged.

A favourite technique of the fraudsters is to create a tenancy in which housing benefit is paid directly to a bank or building society. They then get the Post Office to redirect mail from the false address to their real location so they can reply to review forms and correspondence. Cheques can be redirected as far as Cyprus.

At one address, where benefit was being claimed for 21 rooms, only nine were occupied, the rest each contained a sheet and a shirt, plus masses of documentation on up to 37 linked identities. "The vast majority of these identities also related to asylum applications and current National Insurance numbers," the London Boroughs Fraud Investigators Group said.

"Perhaps the most serious problem concerns the culture that tolerates a certain level of fraud and appears resistant to attempts to tackle it," the MPs say. Many council officials are so frightened of being labelled a racist or a grass that they keep their heads down and tolerate fraud.

The all-party committee of backbenchers began hearing evidence about housing benefit in December after becoming worried that its cost had doubled in five years to £10 billion. The benefit is administered by local authorities but most of the money comes from central government. People on income support have all their rent paid. Others are entitled to help, depending on a means test.

The average has doubled from £21 a week in 1989 to £47 in 1994. The biggest rises have been in London, where the borough of Hillingdon recorded a 320 per cent growth.

SIGN ON FOR A FORTUNE

One signature can secure up to 60 weeks' Housing Benefit, according to the Local Authority Investigation Officers Group. There are at least 66 ways to cheat. They include: landlords inventing a fictitious tenant; tenants inventing a fictitious landlord; landlords claiming for a tenant who has left; landlords claiming for empty properties; families owning a number of properties and getting relatives posing as tenants to move in and out so quickly they cannot be traced; claimants using multiple identities and addresses; homeowners pretending to be tenants in their own homes; landlords and tenants overstating the rent payable and splitting the proceeds.

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Joy and despair for families as one crisis draws to a close but another appears to deepen

Rescued hostages sympathise with kidnappers' aims

By Bill Frost and Richard Duce

RELATIONS were astonishingly close between the four Britons rescued yesterday and the kidnappers who had held them since January in the remote Indonesian jungle province of Irian Jaya, it was disclosed.

Susan McIvor, whose daughter Anna, 21, was among those released in the dawn raid by Indonesian special forces on a remote mountainside camp deep in the rain forest, said: "They have enormous sympathy with the people who took them prisoner, we all do; the guerrillas should have a homeland of their own." The Britons supported the separatists' cause before they were abducted and so did their families, she added.

She said that she and her husband Malcolm were absolutely delighted that Anna and her three fellow Cambridge graduates were safe, but added: "We are worried about the two Indonesian hostages still held."

As neighbours delivered congratulatory cards to her home in Bournemouth, Mrs McIvor explained how letters from her daughter helped the family to deal with their anxiety. "She said she was OK and the tone was never pessimistic. She still came across as an adventurous person with a lot of inner resources."

The letters — forwarded by the Red Cross — had helped all the families through some "very bad" moments. "But I always felt they would come back. They had a lot to give and it was not time for them to go yet," Mrs McIvor said.

Daniel Start, 22, William Oates, 22, Annette van der Kolk, 21, and Ms McIvor were taken hostage by the separatist Free Papua Movement (OPM) on January 8, while studying a planned nature reserve. The guerrillas said they were holding the young scientists to draw international attention to their independence struggle for the area, 2,500 miles northeast of the Indonesian capital, Jakarta.

Mr Oates's brother Tom said: "We are absolutely delighted. We knew before that they could be released, and we did not want to get our hopes up too much until we had the facts in front of us."

Mr Oates's parents, from Jedburgh, in the Scottish Borders, released a statement saying: "Richard and Marion and all the family are thrilled with the news. We are all looking forward to seeing Bill and the others soon. We are extremely grateful to the staff at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and all the other people who have worked so hard to secure their release."

Carolyn Miller, Mr Start's mother, said it was an "understatement" to describe her response to her son's release as delight. "We had some contact some weeks ago when the Red Cross was still looking after them, so we knew that they were well and coping with it. But then a few days ago they were taken away back into the forest and negotiations broke down, so then we were very worried." The Foreign Office had told her that all four were safe and well. "They are still in the forest because of the weather and they are in the care of the Indonesian Army now."

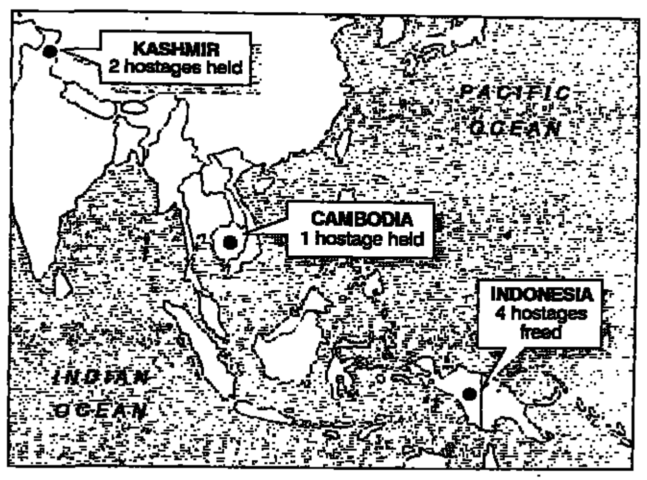
Ms van der Kolk's mother Jill said: "I can barely believe this wonderful news. It won't be until I have spoken to her on the phone that I can satisfy myself she is safe and well. Now I am just on tenterhooks, waiting to hear Annette's voice. The first thing I will ask her is what food she wants me to get in for when she finally comes home.

"We had a belief in Annette's strength of mind and body through this ordeal. Being in a group of people she knew well helped because they had a network of support."

Expert negotiators from Scotland Yard had flown to Irian Jaya and played a vital role in gaining the hostages' release. Jeremy Hanley, a Foreign Office minister, said. "They are regarded as the world experts in the issues of how to deal with hostage-takers." Under Commander Roy Ramm of the International and Serious Crimes Branch, SO1, Scotland Yard has established a reputation for expertise in investigating murders, kidnappings and drug trafficking for foreign governments. Mr Ramm was responsible for helping to secure the release in April last year of six hostages who were kidnapped by guerrillas in Sierra Leone. He was also credited with securing the release of British Army peacekeepers after they were taken hostage by Bosnian Serbs last summer.

The Indonesian special forces which mounted the rescue are rated the third best in the world after the SAS and Israel's special troops.

Annette van der Kolk, third left, William Oates and Anna McIvor, fifth and sixth right, and Daniel Start, far right, were held in the remote jungle in Irian Jaya, below, after their capture by separatists in January



Fears grow for two Britons held by separatists in Himalayas

From Christopher Thomas
in Delhi

BRITISH officials are investigating reports that four Western hostages, including two Britons, have been killed by the Kashmiri Muslim separatists who kidnapped them.

Indian sources said last night that the last reported sighting of the men was in early April high in the Himalayan foothills. The British High Commission in Delhi said it was working on the basis that "the hostages are very much alive. We continue to work flat out for their release".

The United States Embassy said it had heard the reports of possible killings but "we have heard such reports before". It called on Al Faran, the kidnap group, to provide credible evidence that the men were alive and safe.

Keith Mangan, 34, Paul Wells, 24, and an American and a German were seized nearly a year ago while trekking in the Kashmir mountains. A Norwegian who was also seized was found beheaded last August. India has rejected Al Faran's demands for the release of Kashmiri militants from jail in return for the hostages' freedom. The last proof that they were alive was in August; reported sightings by Kashmiri villagers in the mountains are regarded as unreliable.

"We are looking into this very closely and urgently with the Indian authorities," the Foreign Office said in London. "There are often rumours from the area and many are unconfirmed." There was no reason to think this one was any different. The families of the British hostages had been told of the latest rumours.

Al Faran says it handed over the men to the Indian Army in December, a claim that the army denies. If they are alive, the hostages are plainly in grave danger, given India's continuing refusal to accede to Al Faran's demands. A month ago the army said it had pinpointed the hostage site at about 7,000 feet and had pulled out of the area to prevent a possible gun battle in which the Westerners might be killed.

Indian security agencies received several reports of sightings of the abductors and their prisoners between November and April.

A government source said investigations had been conducted into a number of rumours that they were dead "but we have no concrete information".

In London the officials were pessimistic about the hostages. They said the latest reports that the men had been killed were "worrying". Officials said the reports had to be taken seriously as they came from a source that appeared reliable.

American wins right to salvage Lusitania

By Nicholas Watt
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AN AMERICAN millionaire is preparing to salvage the *Lusitania*, which was torpedoed off the Irish coast in 1915 with a cargo that may have included a valuable collection of paintings and gold bullion worth millions of pounds.

Gregg Bemis Jnr, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, will send a diving team to the wreck of the *Lusitania* after a judge in the Irish High Court ruled that he was the sole owner of the wreck. The declaration by Mr Justice Barr on Tuesday followed similar rulings by British and American courts.

The expedition could finally solve the mystery of the *Lusitania*, which sank in 300ft of water 11 miles of the Old Head of Kinsale, Co Cork, in 1915 after she was struck by a U-boat. Of the 1,959 passengers on board the Cunard liner, sailing from New York to Liverpool, 1,200 drowned.

The victims included Sir Hugh Lane, the Irish art collector, who was returning home from New York with a collection of paintings rumoured to include works by Titian, Monet and Rubens. There are hopes that the paintings may have been preserved in lead cylinders.

There are also rumours that gold bullion was aboard. None was mentioned in the manifest, but omissions were common during wartime.

The German authorities claimed that ship the was carrying a secret cargo of explosives that was detonated by a single torpedo.

Mr Bemis hopes that the salvage expedition will give a clear idea of the munitions on board. He told the High Court on Tuesday that a British Treasury solicitor admitted that the ship carried a cargo owned by the Ministry of Munitions.

Mr Justice Barr adjourned a hearing into Mr Bemis's claim to the ownership of the cargo. Mr Bemis is currently appealing against a decision by a US court which rejected his claim to ownership of the cargo. He was granted ownership of the wreck last year in America. His claim to the ship dates back to a mortgage transaction in the 1970s.

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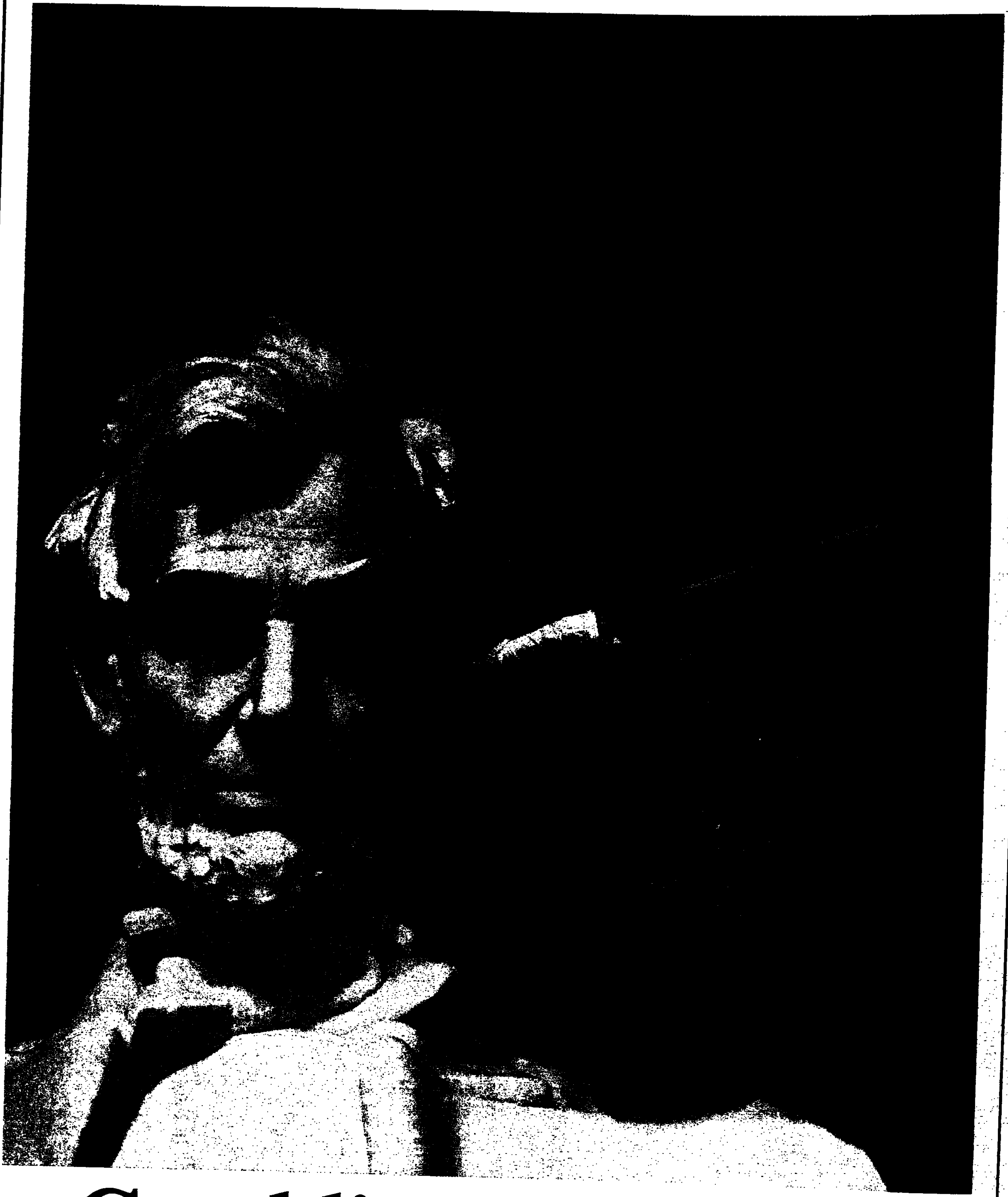

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Anonymous account of seamen's three-week ordeal in the Indian Ocean goes under the hammer

The *Trevessa:* she sank in mountainous seas

Survivor's tale tells of courage in cruel sea

By John Vincent

Captain Cecil Foster, left, with his wife and Chief Officer J.C. Stewart Smith. Right, the sailors who endured 23 days adrift in shark-infested seas after the *Trevessa* sank

AN EYEWITNESS account of endurance among the survivors of a British shipwreck has surfaced at a London saleroom.

All 44 crewmen of the *Trevessa* took to two lifeboats and drifted for 23 days after their ship went down in the Indian Ocean 73 years ago. They were given up as lost but the captain, Cecil Foster, became a national hero after he navigated 2,000 miles to Mauritius with the loss of only 11 crew from thirst, starvation and exposure.

A written account of the ordeal was made afterwards by an anonymous survivor who sent it to Captain Foster's widow in South Glamorgan. She typed up the notes and the transcript is to be sold with other *Trevessa* memorabilia, although it is expected to fetch only a few hundred pounds.

The author of the account is unknown. He must, however, have been one of the men recorded in contemporary newspaper accounts that praised the heroism of the crew and compared Captain Foster to Captain Bligh who survived being cast adrift by mutineers on the *Bounty*.

All that is known about the author is that he was English, well-educated, had done watch-keeping duties aboard the *Trevessa* and was among survivors of the captain's lifeboat.

Chantal Davies of Phillips, which is offering the account during the International Festival of the Sea at Bristol on May 27, said yesterday: "The author took his secret to the grave and all these years later it adds a touch of mystery to an amazing story of courage."

The Last Voyage of the Trevessa: by a Survivor tells how the 5,000-ton ship, carrying zinc, sank in mountainous seas in June 1923 — nine days out of Fremantle, Australia, on the way to Durban, South Africa. All 44 men scrambled into two boats — 20 in the captain's boat and 24 in the other, led by the chief officer, J.C. Stewart Smith.

Without a compass, Captain Foster decided the two boats should head for Mauritius, with 18 gallons of water, 550 biscuits, two cases of condensed milk and a plentiful supply of tobacco.

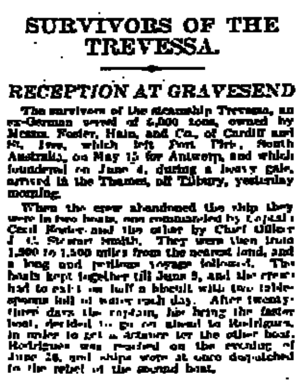
"At 8am one biscuit and a cigarette tin lid of condensed milk per man. 2.30pm in the heat of the day, a cigarette tin one-third full of water per man. This far from quenched our thirst but was just sufficient to keep us alive. It took an hour to eat a morsel of biscuit, our mouths being that void of saliva that the biscuit after mastication was like dry flour and blew out of the mouth like dust.

"Several by the second week were drinking salt water and it was through this and exposure that the first death occurred on the tenth day out. A laskar (sic) fireman: it was a blessing when he died, for his delirious raving jarred on our nerves till we cursed him in his agony. We gloated over water worse than a miser over his gold, especially the last sip, for we all knew it was the last we should get for the next 24 hours. Tins were sucked dry.

"How we prayed for wind and rain but day after day no sign of it. Our hands and feet had begun to swell and several of us were breaking out in salt water boils. These became so sore that it was agony to lie, sit, crouch or do anything.

"Our weakness made us very unsteady and we frequently trod on each other's feet and hands which used to cause us to cry out in pain. Only by obedience to the Captain's orders and by every man doing his bit so long as he was able to, could we ever expect to make land. We often looked at one another wondering who would be next to go."

On the 23rd day, land was sighted. It was Rodriguez Island, 350 miles east of Mauritius. "It was the most glorious sight I have ever seen." The writer, one of the weakest of the 17 survivors when they were finally helped ashore, praised Captain Foster. "Only us that were with him in the boat can realise the indomitable spirit of the man."



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RECEPTION AT GRAVESEND

The *Times* account of the incident in 1923

For sale: the cricket library of W.G. Grace, superstar

A COLLECTION of books on cricket once owned by W.G. Grace went on show yesterday before auction on July 11 (John Shaw writes).

The library follows the development of cricket through a career which saw Grace become a national hero as captain of England and Gloucestershire. The books are expected to fetch more than £50,000 at Bearne's in Exeter.

The auction, by an anonymous seller, will include a rare complete set of bound Wisdens covering every year from the first edition in 1864 until 1915, the year of the cricketer's death. During his sporting career Grace scored 54,904 runs, hit 126 centuries, took 2,879 wickets and held 871 catches.

Robin Barlow, deputy chairman of the firm, said: "Some of the books have pages that were turned down at the corner. Others have annotations at the side. They were books that were bought and enjoyed. This sale will give cricket lovers a chance to own something that passed through the great man's hands."

One of the volumes on sale is *W.G.'s Little Book*, in which he recalls that when he first played in 1866 there were no boundaries. In his *W.G. Cricketing Reminiscences and Personal Recollections* Grace writes: "I would sooner enter on a long day's leather hunting than write a single chapter of reminiscences."

The writer Simon Rae, who is researching a Grace biography, described the collection as "full of the most amazing riches. There was great public affection for him," he said. "It comes out in small things. He would travel down from Paddington on the Bristol train virtually every week. But if he paused on the platform to have a conversation the train would wait until he had finished. That's the sort of man he was, probably what we would know as the first internationally renowned sports superstar. But still a gentleman."

An original Bach manuscript written and signed by the composer sold for £496,500 at Sotheby's in London yesterday. The bid, from an anonymous buyer, beat the 1989 auction record of £390,000 for a piece of music by the composer. His Cantata No 2 was one of the last remaining Bach manuscripts in private hands.

☐ The godson of Edward Elgar was one of the collectors at a Sotheby's auction in London of the composer's letters yesterday. After the sale Wulstan Atkins, 91, whose father, Sir Ivor Atkins, was one of Elgar's best friends, said he was delighted that some of the 750 letters had been saved from going abroad. The correspondence forms the Novello Archive of letters, written by Elgar to his publishers Novello. The collection had been offered to institutions in Britain before being offered for sale.

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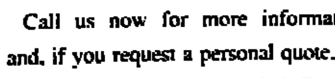

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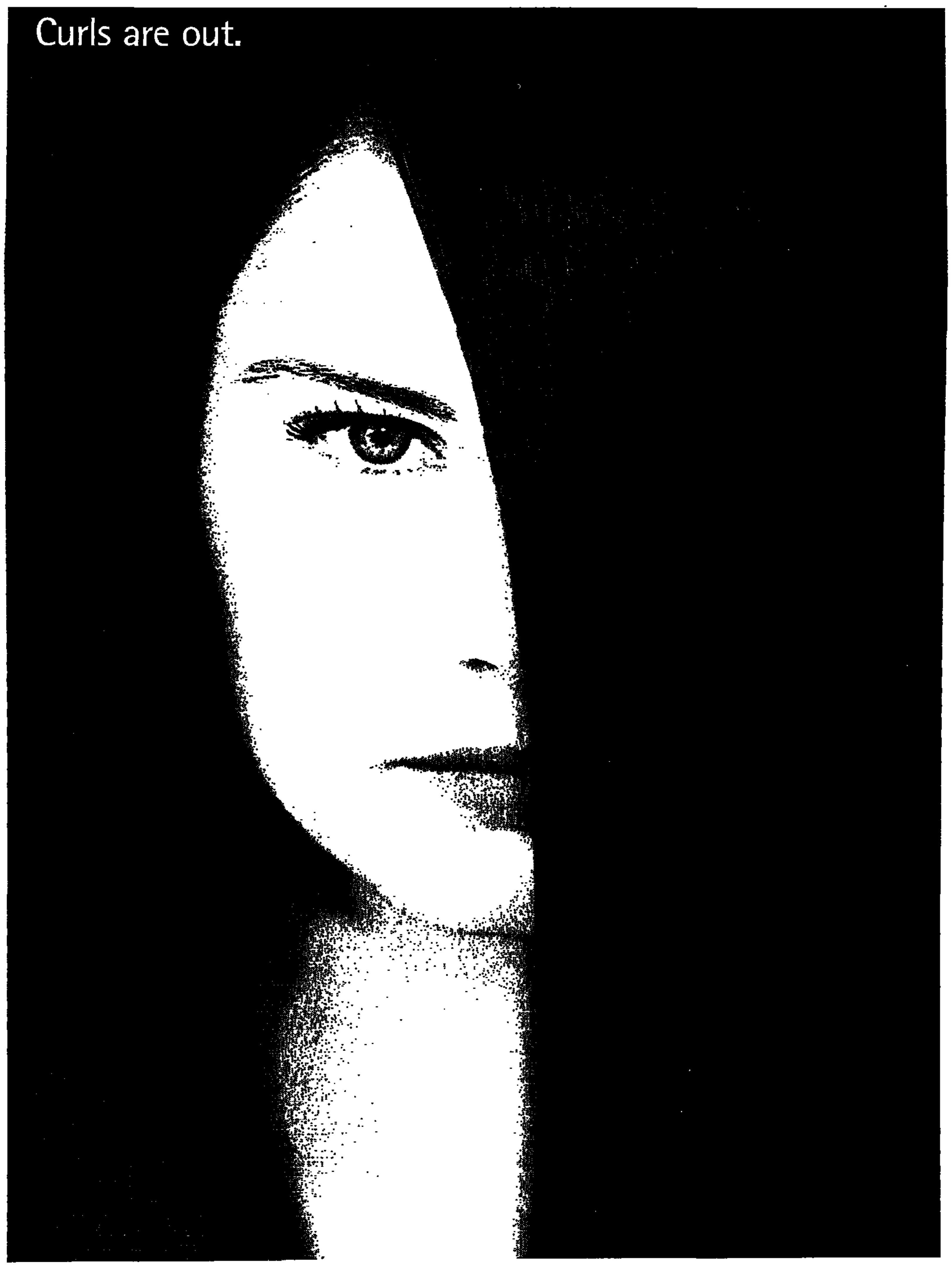

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Heritage chief yields to Kenwood's defenders

By Russell Jenkins

Sir Jocelyn Stevens came under pressure from Glenda Jackson after he dismissed patrons' pleas

CONSERVATION and care of Kenwood House and its priceless collection of Old Masters is to be improved after accusations that English Heritage is neglecting the 18th-century building on Hampstead Heath.

The move represents a climbdown by Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, who dismissed a demand for a full-time curator by the building's patrons, the Friends of Kenwood, as the work of troublemakers with too much time on their hands.

Sir Jocelyn announced yesterday the appointment of a senior director with overall responsibility for museums, including the Iveagh bequest at Kenwood, to oversee the conservation and preservation of their collections. The Friends have also been given private assurances that one of four curators will be at Kenwood daily and on call at weekends. The collection includes works by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Turner and Gainsborough and a Robert Adam interior.

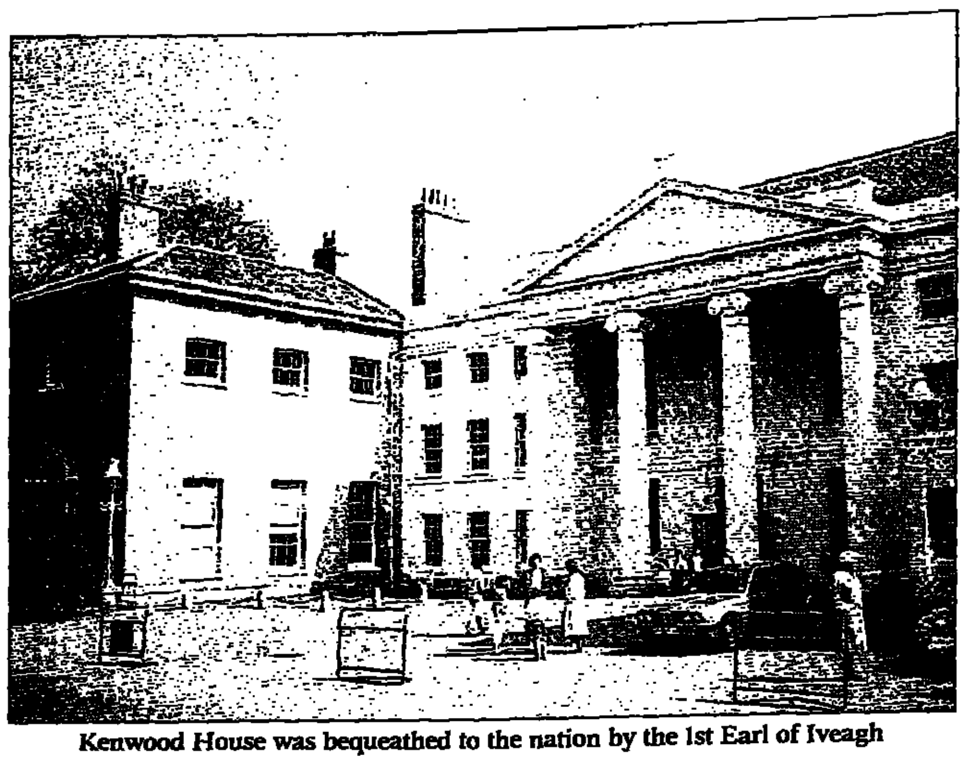
The victory for Kenwood's patrons follows pressure from Glenda Jackson, Labour MP for Hampstead and Highgate, who wrote to Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, urging her to intervene in the dispute. George Levy, an antiques dealer and chairman of the Friends, said: "It would seem that common sense has prevailed. We welcome English Heritage's decision.

The dispute erupted last month when the Friends expressed fears at their annual meeting that English Heritage was neglecting the display, care and study of one of Britain's foremost collections, which was bequeathed to the nation by Edward Cecil Guinness, the 1st Earl of Iveagh (1847-1927). His family was said to be deeply upset by the deterioration of conservation and care at Kenwood.

The Friends urged the reinstatement of a full-time curator, but their plea was met with a typically robust response from Sir Jocelyn, who pointed out that Kenwood cost £1 million a year to run. He described the protesters as troublemakers and "people with plenty of spare time". He said: "The Friends are not behaving like friends. They are behaving in a very aggressive manner. We don't actually need the Friends if they're going to behave like this."

The outburst led to a demand from Sir Hugh Leggatt, a former commissioner for the Museums and Galleries Commission, for Mrs Bottomley to sack Sir Jocelyn.

Ms Jackson, who urged Mrs Bottomley to meet the patrons, said: "I am delighted by the announcement. This helps to secure the future of this important piece of British heritage for "my constituents and everybody who has enjoyed its remarkable qualities over the years."



Kenwood House was bequeathed to the nation by the 1st Earl of Iveagh

English Heritage is anxious to present a united front as it celebrates the launch of Museums Week. The appointment of Julius Bryant as director of museums and collections in charge of its 14 curators coincides with the launch.

The organisation also announced that it will examine a number of historical properties to see if they are suitable for Museums and Galleries Commission registration. They include Barton Humberside, Brodsworth Hall, Byland Abbey, Deal Castle, Eltham Palace, Hailes Abbey, Lindisfarne Priory, Lullingstone Roman Villa, Maison Dieu, Rievaulx Abbey, St Augustine's Abbey, Tilbury and Wrest Park.

☐ English Heritage is petitioning the House of Lords to save three Victorian gasholders near St Pancras station that face demolition to make way for the £3 billion Channel Tunnel rail link. It is demanding that the Grade 2 listed cylinders, which it regards as masterpieces of 19th-century industrial architecture, should be dismantled and reassembled elsewhere rather than demolished.

The 100ft-high holders were built in the 1860s by Imperial Gas and are widely admired for their intricate ironwork. Each of the holders is circled by Doric columns.

Philip Davies, English Heritage's regional planner for London, said: "We accept that the gasholders have to be removed for the construction of the link but we believe that London & Continental Railways [the consortium building the link] should re-erect them afterwards on a suitable site, as close to their original position as possible."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Life for pair who shot father in street

Two men who shot dead a father of three in front of his son were jailed for life yesterday at Durham Crown Court. Colin Moore, 23, and Ian Widdowson, 21, killed Joe Clarke in Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, after he and his son Robert, 17, glanced at them because they were drunk and rowdy.

Moore, of Newcastle upon Tyne, admitted murder five days into the trial. Widdowson, of North Shields, admitted manslaughter but was convicted of murder.

Death in Bosnia

Private David J. Baird, from Sutton Coldfield, died after being accidentally crushed by a container in western Bosnia, the peace implementation force (Ifor) said. He was serving with the 21st Close Support Squadron of the Royal Logistic Corps.

Coach chokes

A tennis coach was found dead in his car after choking on a piece of chewing gum. Darren Toop, 22, of Christchurch, Dorset, was the youngest person in Britain to have completed the Lawn Tennis Association's coaching course.

Suspect reburied

The remains of John Irvine McInnes, exhumed by police in February in the hunt for Bible John, who murdered three Glasgow women, have been reburied. His family is threatening to sue Strathclyde Police, accusing them of unprofessional conduct.

Dusty history

A pair of black silk socks worn by Napoleon on St Helena has been sold at Sotheby's for £2,990 to Jeanette Ongaro, a consultant for a shoe museum in Toronto. Dust extracted when the socks were cleaned formed part of the lot.

Fireman dies

A fireman who fell from a fire engine on a 999 call has died in hospital. John Ogden, 40, was a member of a Manchester crew answering a call to a malicious car fire on Sunday. A fireman for 21 years, he was married with two children.

Pigeons stolen

Eighty racing pigeons worth £20,000 have been stolen from cages in a back garden at Sholing, Southampton. Barrie Bampton, who breeds the birds, discovered the theft when he went to give them a morning feed. The raiders left six pigeons dead.

RAF airlifts soldier attacked in disco

From Edward Owen in Madrid

A 26-YEAR-OLD soldier in the Territorial Army was critically ill in Gosport naval hospital in Hampshire yesterday after being flown home from Spain on an RAF VC10 on a special mercy mission.

Duane Gary Lockwood, from Leicester, had been on exercise in Gibraltar when he suffered a savage and apparently unprovoked attack in a disco. He had asked a girl for a dance when he was set upon by men armed with bottles.

He was rushed to hospital in Gibraltar, but his injuries were so grave that he was taken by ambulance to Cadiz, nearly 100 miles away. His parents were flown out to be by his bedside, but as his condition deteriorated, the VC10 from RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire was sent with a full surgical team to Jerez airport, near Cadiz.

He was flown back with his parents and taken to the hospital in Gosport. A spokesman for Gibraltar police said the force had launched a major investigation after the attack on Saturday: "We are treating this very seriously. We are searching for those involved, but so far no arrests have been made."

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Attenborough rekindles Hemingway's lost love

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent, in Cannes

LORD Attenborough spoke passionately yesterday of his new £26.5 million film, *In Love and War*, about Ernest Hemingway's unrequited love for a nurse who looked after him when he was seriously wounded in the First World War.

Attenborough, speaking at the Cannes Film Festival, said that Hemingway never recovered from the rejection and the experience inspired the doomed love affair between Frederic Henry and Catherine Barkley in one of his greatest classics, *A Farewell to Arms*.

Attenborough said: "I don't think Hemingway ever got over it. He thought and believed he had found the love of his life. Their relationship was very passionate and deep, the first time he'd ever experienced that." He explained that Hemingway later said that his other relationships were "no more than shadows".

"He became a much better writer by virtue of that pain," Attenborough said. "He probably understood human feelings more profoundly than if he had not experienced that."

Hemingway, then 18 and a cub reporter on the *Kansas City Star*, took himself off to the last stages of the First World War in Italy to slake his thirst for action. He volunteered as a Red Cross ambulance driver, was wounded in the legs, and taken to a military hospital where a 27-year-old English-born nurse, Agnes von Kurowsky, treated him with a hot bath, a dose of castor oil and an eggnog.

Romance blossomed, although to what degree of intimacy remains uncertain. But Agnes had a deep and lasting effect on the American; when Hemingway's fourth marriage foundered in 1961, he shot himself. Agnes's letters from 42 years before were still in his possession.

Agnes broke Hemingway's heart by telling him that she hoped to marry an Italian count, Domenico Caracciolo. "I am still fond of you, but it is more as a mother than a sweetheart. I can't get away from the fact that you're just a kid," she wrote.

She never did marry her count. After nursing in Romania and Haiti, she was briefly and unhappily married to an American in Cuba and subsequently married, with lasting success, another American, Bill Stanfield. She died, aged 90 and childless, in 1984, and is buried in Arlington military cemetery outside Washington DC.

Attenborough, 72, who has appeared in or directed almost 60 films, including *Oh What A Lovely War*, *Chaplin* and *Gandhi*, said theirs was a gentle love affair set against the brutal background of the war. "The tension and carnage accentuated the depth of emotion that these two people felt for each other," he said.

Interviewed in the US shortly before her death, Agnes showed no desire to talk about her relationship with Hemingway and swept it under the carpet. She was said to have disliked her characterisation in the novel. "I was not that kind of girl. It was just a flirtation. Nurses were forbidden to date patients."

The film is based on Henry Villard's book *Hemingway In Love And War*. Villard, who subsequently became a US diplomat and who died earlier this year, aged 95, was a wounded American serviceman who found himself in the next room to Hemingway in the Italian hospital. In an interview shortly before his death, Villard said: "All the boys fell for Agnes, but a dinner date was about all they could hope for. Standards were pretty strict in those days. We were all very much virgins. She called her relationship with Hemingway a flirtation. He was desperately in love with her and wanted to marry her. But when he fictionalised her in *A Farewell To Arms*, it was just a young writer's wishful thinking." Villard added that Agnes's letter declining marriage had been "a terrible kick in the teeth" to the young Ernest, for which he probably never forgave her.

Agnes Von Kurowsky is played in Attenborough's film by Sandra Bullock, who rose to fame in *Speed* and *While You Were Sleeping*. Chris O'Donnell, who played Robin in *Batman Forever*, will be the young Ernest Hemingway. He admitted that he was daunted by the thought of playing such a figure.

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Hemingway still had the letters from Agnes, right, when he committed suicide in 1961. In one she wrote: "I am fond of you, but as a mother, not a sweetheart"

Sandra Bullock in Cannes yesterday. She will play Agnes, Hemingway's lifelong love

Sergeant 'suffered four sex assaults'

By Paul Wilkinson

A WOMAN police sergeant told a tribunal yesterday there was a "culture of sexual harassment" in the force where she worked. Sergeant Jane McGill said that during her 26-year career in the West Yorkshire force she had been the victim of four attacks that would have justified a charge of indecent assault.

Sergeant McGill, the force training officer, said that in the past six years she had listened in confidence to about 30 claims from female colleagues of harassment by male officers. None of the women made a formal complaint to their superiors, she told an industrial tribunal in Leeds. One spoke to a grievance committee, introduced in 1991 to deal with claims of sexual harassment, but later asked it not to proceed.

The tribunal is considering a claim of sex discrimination brought by WPC Karen Wade against the force and PC Dean Mountain, 30, Sergeant Paul Fountain, 30, and Sergeant Ian Devey, 32. They all deny the claim. Miss Wade, 27, has been off work since last July, suffering from a condition brought on by the stress of allegedly regular harassment by her colleagues at the Holbeck station in Leeds.

Sergeant McGill, 43, women's representative for the West Yorkshire Police Federation, cried as she told the tribunal that she had never before disclosed details of harassment in the force. "I have been denied promotion on one occasion because of my sex and on another because of my marital status," she said. "I personally experienced inappropriate and sexist language with such frequency it would be difficult to put a number to it."

Earlier WPC Wade's mother Patricia told the hearing how her daughter's spirit had been broken by months of harassment. "The change was dramatic. She turned from a very confident girl to a troubled, unhappy one. She claimed she was being picked on constantly for being a lover of animals and a vegetarian. She would often cry before going to work."

The hearing continues.

Archaeologist given £30,000 for uncovering lost city of the desert

By Nigel Hawkes

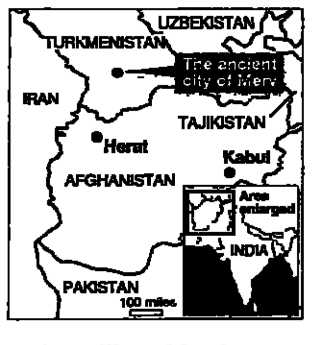
A BRITISH archaeologist was yesterday awarded $50,000 (£33,000) for exploring a lost city on the Great Silk Road. For 2,500 years, Merv, in the Kara Kum desert of what is now Turkmenistan, served as a staging post on the route linking East and West.

Since 1990, Dr Georgina Herrmann, of University College London Institute of Archaeology, has been organising an international project to investigate and record a city once more renowned than Samarkand. She said in Geneva, where she received one of five Rolex Awards for enterprise: "It's wonderful. Trying to get money for a project like this is very difficult."

Merv flourished from 500 BC to 1850, not one city but three built in succession alongside each other, time capsules containing a vast amount of information about technology and trade. Among discoveries so far is that cotton was cultivated 600 years earlier than thought and that steel was made there in the 9th century in a process similar to Sheffield's.

Dr Herrmann has collaborated with archaeologists from Turkmenistan and Russia in an undertaking she says involves enough work for many lifetimes.

"My Turkmen hosts and my team are mapping the cities, recording the monuments and conducting excavations to understand the occupation patterns, the agricultural economy and to trace the movement of goods along the Silk Road. Our goal is to secure World Heritage Status from Unesco."



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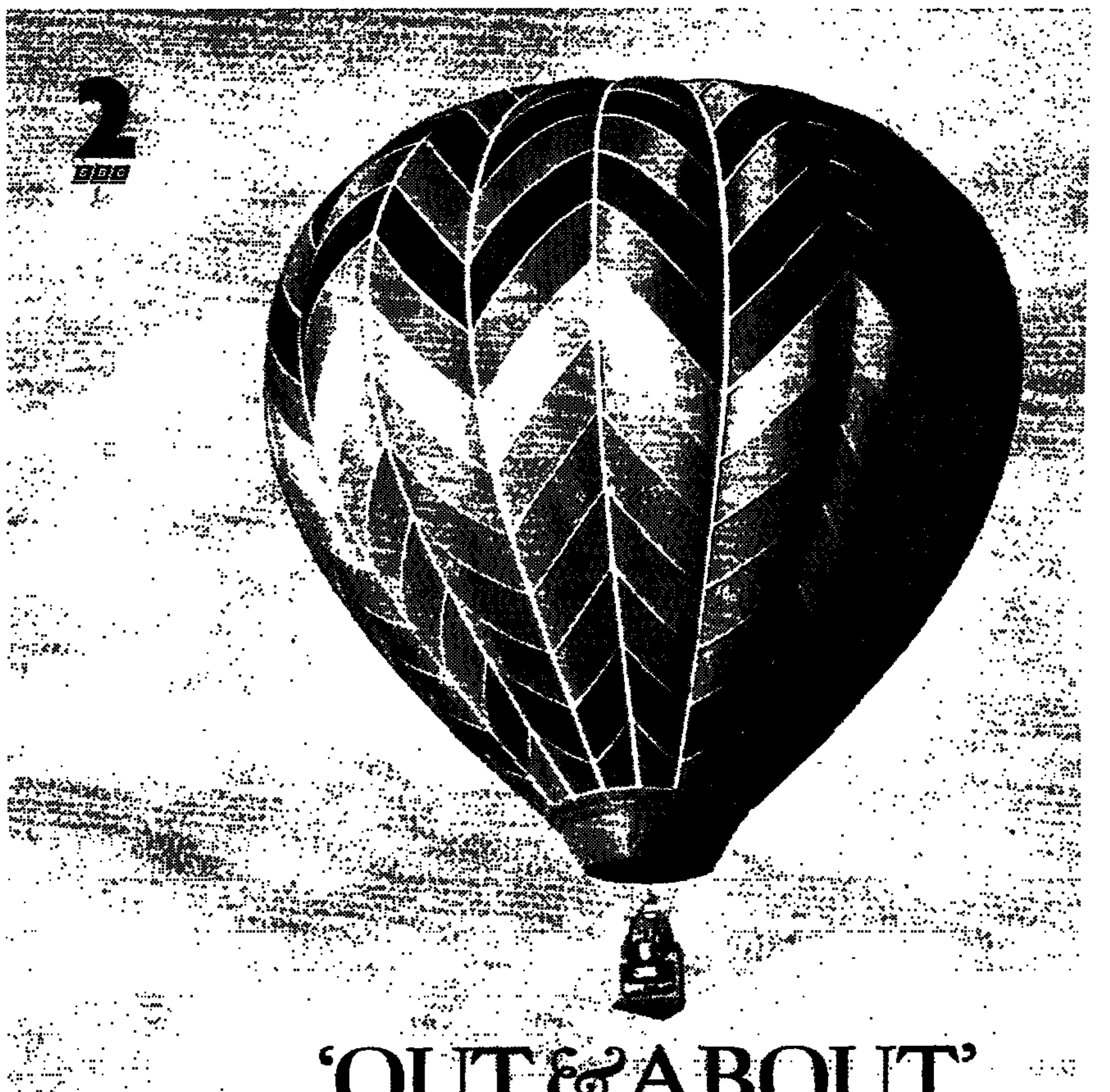
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Gardiner fights bid to oust him

THE right-wing Tory MP Sir George Gardiner tomorrow faces the first round of a reselection battle that could lead to a by-election that would threaten the Government's one-seat majority (Andrew Pierce writes).

The vote by the 30-strong executive committee of Reigate Conservative Association is considered to be too close to call. Challenges to sitting Tory MPs are rare but Sir George faces a backlash from John Major's supporters on the committee who were appalled by his rebellion on the Maastricht treaty and his support for John Redwood.

Conservative Central Office is dismayed because Sir George may step down if he loses. Although he has a 17,000 majority, the last thing the party wants now is a by-election. If tomorrow's vote goes against him the matter will go before the association's full membership.

Brown signals end to frosty relations with Mandelson

By Philip Webster, political editor

GORDON BROWN and Peter Mandelson have resolved to put their differences behind them in an effort to avoid any further impression of difficulties at the top of Labour's election-planning command.

Encouraged by Tony Blair, a close friend of both of them, they have held two private meetings this week to discuss the problems caused by the disclosure of Shadow Cabinet worries about their poor personal relations.

The first clear signs of a rapprochement surfaced yesterday when Mr Brown lavished praise on Mr Mandelson as a "brilliant election strategist who has done a tremendous amount for the party".

Mr Blair and other members of the Shadow Cabinet have played important roles in bringing the two men, who were once the closest of friends but fell out during the party leadership election of 1994, closer together. He is understood to have spoken to them separately over the weekend and then had a meeting alone with them on Monday.

The adverse publicity over the weekend after *The Times* disclosed their differences had already convinced both Mr Brown and Mr Mandelson that they must show the party that there was no longer any animosity between them. An informed source said: "Both of them felt they had not done enough to kill the rumours that they did not get on."

Mr Blair and other senior figures were known to be concerned that the coolness in their relations might pose an unnecessary problem for Labour's campaigning effort. The leader was anxious to kill any suggestions of a rift between two confidants at the heart of his campaign to modernise the party.

His message was apparently that there was nothing between them in policy terms. Although sources declined to reveal what he had told them, it is assumed that he appealed to them as friends to put their differences aside. Since then there have been several meetings at which Mr Mandelson, who is in charge of Labour's election planning group, and Mr Brown, in charge of day-to-day strategy, have discussed tactics, in addition to the private meetings.

As Mr Brown revealed, Mr Mandelson even discussed with him and his staff how he should handle questions on their relationship in yesterday morning's interview on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme.

Mr Brown said: "We talk socially and we talk politically. Peter Mandelson and I work so closely on the election planning that we meet every day at 9 o'clock."

Friends of both men said that it would probably be impossible for the relationship ever to be the same as it was before 1994 when Mr Brown, after much soul-searching, stood aside to allow Mr Blair to be the modernisers' candidate. He has always blamed Mr Mandelson for promoting Mr Blair's claims rather than staying neutral. However, they said it was clear that both had decided that it was in the interests of the party to get on and be seen to get on.

Mr Blair was reported last night to be confident that the difficulties between the two had been dealt with, although as the policy process unfolds Mr Brown's insistence on tough choices will bring him into further conflict with some members of the Shadow Cabinet. Relations with Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, have been damaged by the row over the alleged lack of consultation by Mr Brown on his proposals to remove child benefit for older children and over differences on the payment of unemployment benefit. Ironically, an ally in such disputes will be Mr Mandelson, who takes a hard line on spending..

John Prescott, who has never had easy relations with Mr Brown, is also at odds with him over his plan to expand the role of the Treasury.

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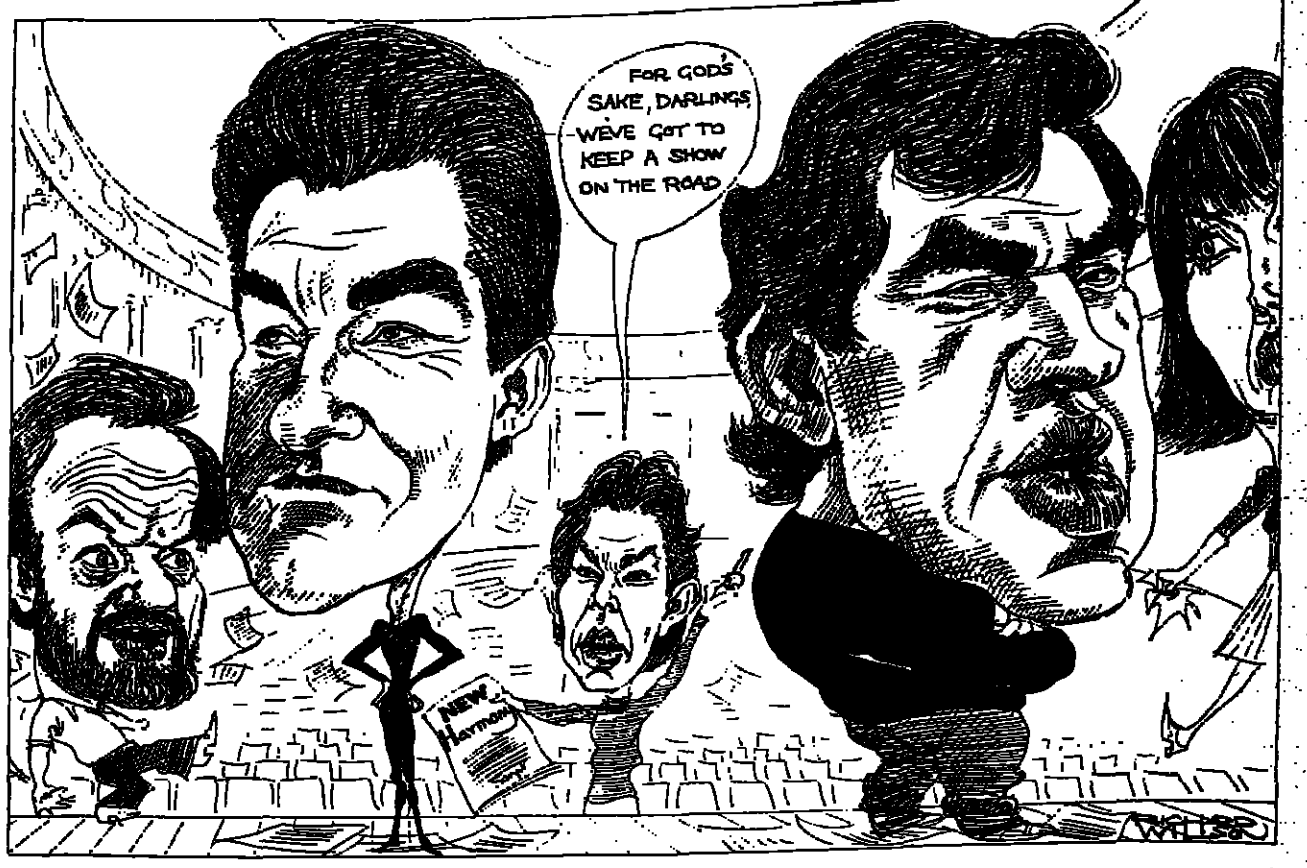
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Policies are the real source of Labour's strife

By Jill Sherman, chief political correspondent

THE much-publicised personality splits in the Labour Party hide damaging divisions over policy that will become more exposed in the run-up to the general election.

☐ **Child Benefit:** Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor angered Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary and other colleagues two weeks ago by suddenly suggesting that Child Benefit be scrapped for 16 to 18-year-olds, to save £700 million. Everyone agrees that the presentation was messy but a compromise is expected in the next few weeks. Mr Smith favours the universal benefit and is against means testing it or taxing it. But he has agreed to look at targeting the benefit more effectively to enable poorer families to keep their children at school.

☐ **Unemployment benefit:** Mr Brown is also blocking a proposal from Mr Smith to restore the time unemployment benefit (jobseeker's allowance) is paid from six months to 12 months, estimated to cost £150 million. Mr Smith has by no means given up and is said to have support from other Shadow Cabinet colleagues. Mr Smith also wants to reintroduce benefit for 16 and 17-year-olds.

Mr Brown is pressing ahead with his plans to withdraw benefit from workshy youngsters, despite opposition from some colleagues, including Robin Cook. He proposes to cut 40 per cent of benefit from those who fail to take up employment or training options within four weeks.

☐ **Taxation:** Clare Short, Shadow Transport Secretary, and John Prescott, deputy leader, caused great embarrassment to the party when they backed higher taxes for the better off. Mr Brown says he has no plans to raise taxes but some of his colleagues want a "token" tax on those earning more than £80,000 or £100,000 even though it would raise little income.

☐ **Treasury:** Mr Brown is at odds with Mr Prescott over his plans to expand the role of the Treasury. Yesterday Mr Brown's aides tried to play down a speech in which Mr Prescott tacitly criticised Mr Brown's ambitions for the Treasury to be the "engine of economic and social renewal". The speech had been checked with Mr Brown's office and was in line with his thinking.

☐ **Rail privatisation:** Labour's transport team — Ms Short and Brian Wilson — are at loggerheads over the party's rail policy. Mr Wilson, who has been backed by Mr Prescott, wants a much more aggressive approach to public ownership but Ms Short, his boss, has produced a more modest plan based on greater regulation. Mr Brown favours her option, which is cheaper.

☐ **Education:** Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a grammar school reopened party divisions. Many are still angry about Tony Blair's decision to send his son to a grant-maintained school and the party's subsequent move to drop its opposition to such schools. Ms Harman's action has also exposed divisions on selection. David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary, has called for more selection within schools, including fast-tracking for bright pupils.

☐ **Health:** Mr Blair has demanded that there should be no new health policy document before the election. Polling data show that Labour's present policies are already popular, and Mr Blair does not want to risk adopting too aggressive a stance against GP fundholding or NHS trusts. Ms Harman is struggling to present Labour's case without angering GPs, hospital doctors or managers, but her critics fear that she is on the point of accepting the Government's health reforms.

Minister faces Tory anger over beef ban

THE Government tried to pacify Tory backbenchers over the BSE crisis yesterday by promising that Britain would keep fighting until Brussels overturned the ban on all beef products (Alice Thomson and James Landale write).

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, opening a two-day debate on agriculture, made clear that lifting the ban on gelatin, tallow and semen was only the beginning. "Our objective is to move as rapidly as we can to a total removal of what is, in our view, a wholly unjustified interference with the single market," he said.

Backbenchers continually interrupted to complain that the slaughtering of cattle was proceeding too slowly and that farmers were becoming desperate. Sir James Spicer (C, Dorset West) urged the Government to retaliate by banning imports of continental beef. "There is nothing to stop the Government from demanding the same standards in beef coming into this country as we have here."

Gavin Strang, Shadow Agriculture Minister, Tory MPs to join Labour in the opposition lobbies tonight. "This Government has failed to represent us effectively in Europe on this issue."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: backbench debates; trade and industry questions; statement on the Forensic Explosives Laboratory; debate on common agricultural policy. In the Lords: Disabled Persons and Carers (Short-term Breaks) Bill, committee.

TODAY in the Commons: questions to Treasury ministers and the Prime Minister; debate on common agricultural policy. In the Lords: Industrial Tribunals Bill, third reading; Employment Rights Bill, third reading; Law Reform (Year and a Day Rule) Bill, committee; Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, third reading; Housing Bill, second reading; and a debate on financial support for United Nations.

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Videos push books off the library shelf

By Ian Murray

PUBLIC libraries are increasingly buying sound recordings and videotapes instead of books to satisfy the changing tastes of borrowers. They lend 10 per cent fewer books than four years ago.

Evidence of the accelerating switch from the written word to sound and vision emerges from the latest library statistics, published today by Cipfa, the public finance institute.

Since 1990 the number of recordings on record, cassette or CD in libraries has grown by 21 per cent and stocks are being increased by 32 per cent a year. In 1990 libraries spent an average of 3p per head of population on videos. That has more than doubled to 7p. The amount spent on sound recordings has grown from 10p to 13p a head over the same period.

Lending books remains easily the main function of libraries, but people are taking out fewer of them. In 1991 ten books were issued each year per head of population. In 1995 the average had fallen to eight. On average, each citizen visits a library seven times a year.

There are wide regional differences in the popularity of reading. In Stockport the average resident takes out 13 books a year. In neighbouring Salford the average is only six. Residents of Kensington and Chelsea take out more recordings than anywhere else, borrowing an average of three a year. Westminster keeps the largest stock of books, with 56 available for each resident. Shetland, with 53, is nearly as well served, and readers there are the most voracious, taking out nearly 17 books each year. The figures show that a quarter of all books are taken out by children, with the proportion rising to a third in Northern Ireland.

The number of library staff has fallen by 5.7 per cent since 1990 and the number of books has dropped by nearly six million to 129.6 million. There are 4,363 libraries, 29 fewer than in 1990, and the number staying open for more than 60 hours has fallen from 57 to 44. The number of mobile libraries has fallen by 25 to 692.

Spending on the library service rose in 1994-95 by 2 per cent to £12.24 per head of population, but that represents a cut in real terms. Of the total, £2.30 goes on buying stock and, although £1.92 of that is for books, the proportion spent on videos, records and CDs is rising rapidly.

The cost of buying newspapers and magazines has remained at 12p a head, throughout the period, evidence that their prices have fallen considerably in real terms.

Overall, libraries keep 110 million books for lending stock, plus a further 19 million volumes for reference — equivalent to 2.2 books per head of the population. The sound and video collection contains 7.1 million recordings, with the total growing annually by nearly 1.5 million.

☐ *Public Library Statistics 1994-95* (Cipfa, 3 Robert St, London WC2N 6BH; £80)

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Music at school helps to tune young brains

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

LEARNING music at school improves academic performance and social skills, a study has found. The time given up from other studies is more than recouped in improved learning of languages, quicker reading among younger pupils and a better atmosphere in class.

Dr Maria Spychiger from Fribourg University and Dr Jean-Luc Patry from Salzburg University studied about 1,200 children aged between 7 and 15.

One group was given five 45-minute music lessons a week for three years by reducing the amount of time spent on mathematics or a foreign language, while the other group continued with only one or two music lessons a week.

Dr Spychiger says in *New Scientist* that the results showed no difference in intelligence between the two groups.

But those given the extra music lessons were better at languages and no worse at maths, in spite of spending less time on them. Teachers also reported that younger children taught extra music learnt to read more easily.

There was also less tension in the classes taught more music. "When children have to sing or play music together, they have to learn to listen to one another," Dr Spychiger said. She made a special study of one class that was difficult to control. The pupils were among those given extra music lessons and eventually learnt to play together.

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DAVID JONES

The visitors, vintage transport in the background, gather round the biggest models

American bus fans' holiday causes small traffic jam

By A Staff Reporter

MORE than 100 Americans descended from four Edwardian motorcoaches yesterday and crammed into a three-bedroom house in the West Midlands to see the owner's 6,000 model buses.

They spent two hours in Geoff Price's home filing past what he believes is the world's largest collection of miniature buses and trams. A life-sized policeman was needed to control the flow of people in the cul-de-sac at Wednesbury.

The invasion was arranged after an American friend visited Mr Price, 45, last year and asked to return with fellow collectors. "He never made it this year but he certainly passed the word on," Mr Price said. "I was told a couple of weeks back that 'a few' people from the American Antique Toy Collectors' Society might come round to visit.

"It was a bit of a problem getting them all in. The hallway, stairs and viewing rooms were jam-packed, but having said that the most popular room seemed to be the lavatory." The 102 visitors included enthusiasts from California, Florida, New York and Canada. One, Tim Turner, 36, said: "We just found it fascinating that Geoff keeps them all in such a small property. The commitment he has shown is just fantastic and we're here to pay homage to Geoff."

JOHN POTTER

Standing room only: Geoff Price shows off his collection

The group will spend the next two weeks touring Europe and its antique toy collections. Mr Turner said: "Americans have a fascination with buses because we don't have many in the States. The ones we do have don't really have any character so we have to look abroad."

Mr Price, who runs a company that organises historic car and transport shows, began collecting at the age of seven. Now he, his wife Linda, 38, and their sons Nicholas, 17, and Richard, 15, travel the world adding to the collection, worth more than £100,000.

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Tornado's survivors comb the mortuaries

From Ahmed Fazl
in Bashail
Bangladesh

SUJAT ALI turned over the young man lying in a heap of bodies in the local mortuary yesterday, hoping he had found his dead son amid the rotting corpses.

Since the tornado battered central Bangladesh on Monday, Mr Ali has seen scores of human bodies ferried to the mortuary by rescuers.

Bashail, a rice-trading town, was slowly recovering from the disaster in which more than 750 people were killed and 35,000 were injured. In Bashail alone, 226 people were reported to have died. The official national radio said one-third of the injured lying in the corridors of overcrowded local hospitals were on the critical list.

An aid worker said yesterday that the death toll was likely to rise. "More people are likely to die of cholera and other infections than [were killed] in the disaster".

Mr Ali, 60, used to work as a farm labourer in the soggy rice plains on the outskirts of Bashail. However, since most of his family have been wiped out, now he spends all his time counting corpses.

Mass graves now dot the rice fields in Tangail district, the administrative headquarters of the devastated region. Hasan Khandaker, the local police chief, said there were still more than 500 people missing, but hopes of finding survivors were fading fast.

He said 464 bodies had been buried so far and 26,000 homes had been razed. Soldiers from a neighbouring barracks joined the clear-up operation yesterday. Civilian volunteers working in a remote village reported finding dead children hanging from upturned trees. The decapitated body of a woman was found lying among the bodies of cows and dogs in a hamlet near Bashail.

"We are heavily understaffed to deal with such emergencies," said Abdul Kader, a doctor in Bashail.

Hardline Hindu party seizes its chance to govern

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

INDIA'S hardline Bharatiya Janata Party, which is feared by Muslims, has been invited to form a government and prove that it can survive a confidence vote in parliament by the end of the month.

The odds are against its survival, although vast sums of money are likely to change hands in the coming two weeks of horse-trading.

If the BJP loses, President Sharma may next invite the Congress Party, the second biggest group in parliament, to test its strength. That would return P. V. Narasimha Rao, the outgoing Prime Minister, to office. He is under pressure to quit as Congress leader after presiding last week over its greatest electoral disaster, but the prospect of taking the party back into power would secure his position and prove him to be a remarkable survivor.

He could command a majority with support from a group of smaller parties collectively known as the National Front. Left-wing parties have said they will have nothing to do with a government in which Mr Rao serves, but he could in any case command a majority without them.

The National Front has its own prime ministerial candidate, H. D. Deve Gowda, who will also compete for power. Some backroom deal-making is plainly on the cards to decide who would lead the country if the BJP loses the confidence vote.

The general election left all parties substantially short of a majority. There has never been a more chaotic result in India. Atal Vajpayee, the moderate face of the BJP and one of its founder members, will be sworn in as Prime Minister today and may name some members of his Cabinet. He will approach regional parties and independents with offers of ministerial posts and other concessions in his struggle to stay in office.

It is a remarkable achievement by Mr Vajpayee, a former Foreign Minister, to have taken his young party this far. In 1984 it had only two MPs, compared with nearly 200 now. He was for a time sidelined by hardliners within the party who projected the BJP as anti-Muslim. It was involved in the destruction in 1992 of the Babri mosque in the northern city of Ayodhya by Hindu extremists who claimed that it was sited at the birthplace of the Hindu god Rama; the subsequent religious riots left 2,000 dead.

Mr Vajpayee dissociated himself from the demolition, in which L. K. Advani, the party president, played a role. Mr Advani did not contest the election, saying that he wanted first to clear himself of corruption charges.

The BJP, which has no Muslim MPs, is about 75 seats short of a parliamentary majority. It will find it hard to bribe that many MPs to come to its aid, although it will doubtless seek to entice many of them. Its greatest hope of survival is to persuade big regional parties to abstain in the confidence vote. Few parties could afford to alienate Muslim voters by backing the BJP openly.

President Sharma followed precedent by giving the largest party in parliament the first shot at forming a government, even though it is less likely to succeed than a coalition of the National Front and Congress. Mr Rao has said Congress would support any National Front government in parliament, but without joining the administration.

Atal Vajpayee, India's Prime Minister-designate, after meeting President Sharma

Labour activist shot as passions rise in close contest

From Christopher Walker
in Jerusalem

ISRAELI ELECTION

ELECTION campaign tension in Israel reached a dangerous peak yesterday after a worker for the ruling Labour Party was shot and injured while hanging posters in a Tel Aviv suburb. Two workers from the main right-wing opposition Likud grouping were arrested.

Shocked party leaders took immediate steps to cool tempers in a campaign that has two weeks to run before a poll which will dictate the future of the Middle East peace process. Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, who telephoned the victim in hospital where he was being operated on to remove bullets from his leg, said the shooting was "terrible". Speaking during an election tour of Ashdod, Mr Peres said: "We have already lost a Prime Minister and I call upon all people to do whatever we can."

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Likud leader who six months ago was accused by Yitzhak Rabin's family of helping to bring about the climate of hate that led to Rabin's murder at a Tel Aviv peace rally, condemned the attack. His spokesman said: "He has called on activists from all parties to eject any violent elements." Israeli political analysts said that any hint of deliberate Likud violence could provoke a backlash among the floating voters who are expected to decide the outcome.

The chairman of the central election committee said the shooting should send a warning to the whole of society.

Artur Yarusky, the Labour campaign worker and an immigrant from Russia, said he was shot while hanging posters in Herziliya after four "thugs" told him he was working in their territory and demanded that he stop. Sounding shaken, he told Israel radio that the incident ended with three shots.

"One of the guys took out a gun and tried to threaten me," he said from his hospital bed. "He shot me once in the leg. The second shot missed and the third one also hit me in the leg." The police found that the gunman's car was one of several hired by Likud.

The resort to guns came after reports that gangs of armed right-wing Jewish settlers were patrolling the main Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road intimidating Labour campaign workers and threatening attacks on Labour leaders. It came amid a "poster war" in which thousands of portraits of each of the two contenders for the premiership have been ripped down or defaced.

Even before the shooting, passions were running high because of the closeness of the contest, with Mr Peres leading by only a few points. Many Likud television advertisements have depicted Mr Peres holding hands with Yassir Arafat, the PLO chief.

WORLD SUMMARY

Baby adds to swamp death toll

New York: The death toll from the Florida Everglades air crash has risen to 110 with the disclosure that a baby was on the lap of one of its parents (Quentin Letts writes). The child was too young to be on the passenger list.

Investigators say an explosion may have caused the crash of the DC9, which was also carrying 50 oxygen tanks.

'Pik' Botha quits political life

Johannesburg: R.F. "Pik" Botha, 64, South Africa's former Foreign Minister and one of the best known apartheid leaders, is to retire from politics (Inigo Gilmore writes). His tenure as Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs ends on June 30 when his party quits the Government.

Magic Johnson retires again

Los Angeles: Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the basketball star diagnosed five years ago as being HIV-positive, is to retire again (Giles Whittell writes). After a successful comeback in January for the Los Angeles Lakers, Johnson's recent form has been erratic.

2m Australians 'live in poverty'

Sydney: Nearly two million Australians, or about 11 per cent of the population, live in poverty, according to the Wesley Mission, a key national charity. It said that an alienated underclass would threaten law and order. *(Reuter)*

King of the ties

Bangkok: A Thailand manufacturer has made a polyester necktie more than 326ft long and nearly 20ft across at its widest to honour King Bhumibol Adulyadej's golden jubilee year. *(AP)*

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Dole quits Senate to focus on race for White House

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

BOB DOLE took the dramatic step yesterday of resigning the Senate seat he has held for 27 years in order to devote all his energy to his floundering presidential campaign.

His decision, which stunned Washington, came after intense pressure from fellow Republicans alarmed at how he had become bogged down in arcane congressional business while President Clinton opened a commanding 20-point lead in the polls. They had begged Mr Dole to spend more time on the campaign trail but the most they had expected was an announcement he would surrender the Senate leadership.

Leaving the institution he calls home will be an emotional wrench for the 72-year-old senator from Kansas, but it "is consistent with the Dole story of realising that when you face a tough fight you have to give it 100 per cent", said one senior Republican official.

Democrats called the strategic U-turn a sign of desperation. Bill Schneider, a top analyst, called it a "drastic step" by a candidate in "drastic trouble". But Dole aides portrayed his decision to sacrifice the most powerful job on Capitol Hill as a measure of his determination to do whatever it takes to defeat Mr Clinton.

Leaving the Senate should also enable Mr Dole to distance himself from Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and the unpopular "Republican Revolution", but it is nonetheless a gamble. Mr Dole is a poor campaigner — "a doer, not a talker" as he puts it. He is practically broke until he receives an infusion of federal funds in mid-August, and the Senate at least guaranteed him a platform and publicity.

Effectively relaunching his campaign, Mr Dole will travel to the key electoral states of Illinois today and South Carolina and Florida over the weekend. He has agreed to work with a speech coach and use teleprompters, and has taken on two of former President Reagan's speechwriters to give his stump appearances some needed punch.

In resigning, Mr Dole tacitly admitted his so-called "rotunda strategy" had failed miserably. Having locked up the Republican nomination in March, Mr Dole believed he could campaign from the Senate floor by producing a string of popular Bills that President Clinton would have to sign and let his challenger take the credit or veto and risk the public's wrath.

In the event, Senate Democrats foiled him at every turn. He has spent the past few weeks struggling to repeal Mr Clinton's 1993 petrol tax increase and finally abandoned the effort on Tuesday night. Earlier that day, Republican Governors meeting in Washington told him he was little known in their states and he had to get out and tell voters the compelling story of his tough Kansas upbringing.

"The battle of Pennsylvania Avenue is over. Clinton won," said Mr Schneider. Al Gore, the Vice-President, welcomed Mr Dole's decision, saying that "if he leaves the Senate, then perhaps the Senate might have a better chance of breaking the deadlock and getting over the political paralysis that has gripped that body".

In one sense, Mr Dole's resignation is not the supreme sacrifice it appears, because few believed he would have sought re-election to the Senate in 1998 if he failed to win the White House. On the other hand, Mr Dole has no life outside Washington and could scarcely wait to return to the Senate after the Republican primaries this year.

Mr Dole's departure will trigger a fierce battle for the Senate leadership, with the likely contenders being Trent Lott, the ultra-conservative Republican Whip, and Thad Cochran, both of Mississippi, and Don Nickles (Oklahoma).

ADRIAN BROOKS

A protester takes part in a mock hanging outside the Shell meeting in London yesterday

Mandela urged to fight for jailed Ogoni activists

By Michael Dynes, and Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg

NELSON MANDELA, who endured 27 years imprisonment fighting a repressive white regime, is under increasing pressure in South Africa and internationally to press for the release of 19 jailed Ogoni activists facing execution by Nigeria's military dictatorship.

President Mandela has said he is prepared to meet Nigeria's hardline ruler, General Sani Abacha, provided that the talks offer some real prospect of success.

Shareholders who attended Shell's annual general meeting in London and The Hague yesterday were greeted by bongo drums, screaming protesters, and a mock hanging, staged to highlight the Nigerian Government's imprisonment of the activists and the oil company's operations in the Niger delta.

The appalling conditions of the 19, who have been in Port Harcourt jail for two years, were disclosed this week after a letter signed by the prisoners was smuggled out.

The inmates, who are all members of the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (Mosop), have been accused of complicity in the murder of four tribal leaders who were bludgeoned to death by a mob in 1994. None has yet come to trial and all face the prospect of being hanged.

To cries of "Shame on Shell" and "Stop the genocide in Nigeria", shareholders filed into the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London. Responding to a suggestion from the floor, John Jennings, the Shell chairman, agreed to hold a minute's silence at the meeting for Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight fellow Ogoni activists hanged last November. "I respect your feelings and, like you, I much regret the tragic loss of life. I think the time has come to seek reconciliation," he said. However, despite a torrent of questions about Shell's activities in Ogoniland, company executives were adamant that they had done nothing wrong in the delta. Shell Petroleum Development Co has been exploring for crude oil in Nigeria since 1937. Production began in 1958 and an estimated $40 billion (£26 billion) of oil has been extracted from the country, protesters say.

The company says it spends $100 million a year on environmental projects, but recognises "some communities feel they have not had a reasonable share of oil revenues from the Nigerian Government".

Shell faced international protests in November after the execution of Saro-Wiwa, a writer and champion of Ogoni rights, who had accused the company of despoiling parts of the delta by disregarding the devastation caused by oil and gas leaks. Lazarus Tamana, president of Mosop UK, who helped to organise yesterday's protest, said: "Our message to Shell shareholders is that the Ogoni 19 are still being held behind bars in appalling conditions awaiting death. The pollution of Ogoniland is still going on. Nothing has changed. The oil spillages and flaring of gas continues. The Nigerian military authorities are still trying to intimidate the Ogoni people. If Shell wants to speak to us, then these issues need to be addressed," Mr Tamana said.

Nigeria's military authorities yesterday dismissed as "mere propaganda" claims by the 19 Ogoni detainees that they were being held in appalling conditions. Major Obi Umahi, the commander of the Nigerian forces in Ogoniland, said that publication of the letter had been timed to coincide with a US Senate hearing on Nigeria in an attempt to embarrass the Government.

General Abacha's regime has been shunned by the West for its human rights abuses. Immediately after the executions of Saro-Wiwa and his eight colleagues, the European Union and the United States imposed sanctions on the Nigerian Government.

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Peking chiefs feign amnesia over anniversary of Mao's chaos

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

THE thirtieth anniversary today of the beginning of the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution will receive next to no official recognition in China. To do so would be to raise questions about the broken lives of millions of Chinese, a tragedy for which the Communist Party has no honest answers. For the ordinary city people who were tortured and humiliated, the Cultural Revolution was the defining period in which Chairman Mao and the party showed their true faces. That is what cannot be examined.

Many supreme leaders died violently in that decade. Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader, spent years in internal exile and his eldest son, pursued by Red Guards, fell from a window and is wheelchair-bound. For men such as Mr Deng and his heirs the Maoist debacle must never recur. One reason they crush dissidents and commanded the 1989 killings in Tiananmen Square is they see every young democrat as a potential Red Guard.

That is an irony. The next general disorder in China could begin in the countryside among peasants, a class largely untouched by the Cultural Revolution, never prosperous under Mao and now left even further behind by urban prosperity. That relative wealth is partly fuelled by former Red Guards, now busy entrepreneurs whom many young people wish to emulate. They have escaped from a political ennui which began in 1966.

The period was described officially 15 years ago as "the most severe setback and [bringing] the heaviest losses suffered by the party, the State and the people since the founding of the People's Republic". Throughout the early 1960s Mao believed that "revisionists" among his old comrades, including Mr Deng, were usurping his power. Calling on young people 30 years ago to engage in violence and disorder for idealistic ends, Mao played on his image as a demigod to take revenge on critics and rivals.

The disillusion of the young when they found that they were not building a better China but merely carrying out Mao's vengeance helps to explain the absence in China of political belief or commitment.

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Rome trial told of SS officer's 'iron fist'

From Richard Owen in Rome

THE first witnesses in the trial of Erich Priebke said yesterday that the former SS captain had used brutal interrogation methods at Gestapo headquarters in Rome. One said he had used knuckle-dusters, and another that Herr Priebke had broken his nose.

Herr Priebke, 83, is accused of taking part in the wartime massacre of 335 Italians at the Ardeatine Caves near Rome, 75 of them Jews. Velio di Rezze, his defence lawyer, told the court that the killings came after an ambush by partisans of a German patrol and had been regarded by Herr Priebke as a legitimate reprisal for an act of war. He said Herr Priebke was carrying out Gestapo orders and would have faced the firing squad had he not obeyed.

There was uproar when Signor di Rezze said interrogations at Gestapo headquarters in the Via Tasso — a street name uttered with dread even today by many Italians — had been no worse than at an ordinary police station. In an interview yesterday in *Oggi* magazine, Herr Priebke denied that he had used torture or drawn up the list of those to be shot. But he admitted calling out their names as they got off the lorries at the caves and said that he had shot two of them himself.

Riccardo Mancini, a former partisan fighter who was interrogated by Herr Priebke, said the SS captain had punched him repeatedly. "He broke my nose and I still cannot breathe properly" he said. A few yards across the small courtroom, Herr Priebke, immaculately dressed and straight-backed, stared at his elderly accuser impassively, occasionally putting a hand to his head.

Elvira Paladini, the widow of another partisan fighter, who is now curator of the Via Tasso museum, told the court that her husband had been interrogated by Herr Priebke three or four times. "He told me Priebke used what the prisoners called an 'iron fist' to hit them with," Signora Paladini said.

Herr Priebke was extradited to Italy from Argentina last autumn and went on trial last week. Signor di Rezze objected to the 90 witnesses called by relatives of the Jewish victims seeking compensation. "They are trying to widen the scope of this trial," he said. "This is not a trial of Nazism. What is the point of calling rabbis to testify? This is not a genocide trial."

Signor di Rezze said that Herr Priebke's superior, Colonel Herbert Kappler, the Gestapo chief in Rome, had been convicted in 1948 of the massacre. Several of his subordinates had been acquitted on the ground that they were carrying out orders. "The question here is whether Herr Priebke's conduct was more akin to Colonel Kappler's or to that of the others [the subordinates]," Signor di Rezze said.

Antonio Intelisano, the chief military prosecutor, told the court that Herr Priebke could have disobeyed orders, as other German officers had done. He said Herr Priebke had played a decisive role in what amounted to a collective execution of Italians by German occupiers devoted to extreme brutality and a "delirious ideology".

☐ **Milan:** Silvio Berlusconi, the former Prime Minister, is under investigation for complicity in the forgery of documents, judicial officials said yesterday after arrest warrants were issued for seven senior executives in his Fininvest company.

The investigation also covers Signor Berlusconi's cousin, Giancarlo Foscale, head of the Fininvest's Standa department stores.

Magistrates in the "Clean Hands" team investigating corruption in the business and political world did not ask for the arrest of the two cousins. *(AFP)*

Lonesome Italians put price on friends

By Richard Owen

UNLIKELY as it may seem in a country noted for its extended families and community spirit, Italians are turning in growing numbers to therapists and "personal service" agencies for comfort and company.

A report said many Italians now "rent a granny", and pay an agent to tend family graves when their real grandparents have died. They can also hire someone to read to them.

One agency in Amalfi offers chaperones for independent or lonely women tourists; the chaperones are fully vetted. In Milan, suitable male escorts can be hired to accompany women executives to functions.

La Repubblica said affection was "becoming a commodity" as Italy falls prey to many of the ills that afflict other Western societies. Despite the influence of the Roman Catholic Church and the emphasis on family ties, there are now more than 50,000 divorces a year.

As the social fabric frays, agencies have filled the gaps. Even prostitutes form part of the growing "comfort" market, providing "affectionate conversation" for lonely men.

The market value of these new services varies. Chatting to a prostitute, at £120 an hour, costs the most. But not far behind are singers who hire themselves out to serenade lonely music lovers in their own homes, at £80 an hour, and writers of love letters, who will set you back £20 a time.

Renting a grandparent seems a bargain at £6 an hour, while teachers hired to read bedtime stories to children cost £16 an hour.

Marco Merlini, who drew up the report for the Eurispes research agency, said there were now 180 different types of agencies in Italy specialising in "human relations". He said: "After sex and death, loneliness is the last taboo. Society forces us to be alone and then penalises us for it. Which of us does not feel uneasy eating alone in a restaurant?"

Refugees enter Ghana camps

Liberian refugees disembarking from the *Bulk Challenge* at the Ghanaian port of Takoradi. The thousands of people on board, fleeing the fighting in Liberia, face an uncertain future in packed refugee camps after finally being allowed to land on Tuesday at the end of a ten-day ordeal on board the leaking freighter off the West African coast. The refugees were yesterday being settled into transit camps near the port for a stay of approximately a week, during which they will have to undergo strict identity and medical checks. They will then be taken to camps elsewhere in Ghana that already house more than 15,000 refugees from Liberia. Javier Puyol, a European Union spokesman in Accra, the Ghanaian capital, said the EU would take charge of the refugees for an initial six-month period. A total of 1,849 passengers left the freighter after United Nations and EU promises of aid. *(AFP)*

Germans judge law exam cheats

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

CHEATING in German universities has increased dramatically, prompting the authorities to crack down not only on cribbing but also on those who allow others to copy their essays.

The worse offenders are law students, some of whom are enrolled in the country's most respected legal faculties. Professor Winfried Brugger, head of Heidelberg's law department, said: "Copying essays is nothing new but the extent of the cheating has now reached unprecedented levels — and that is taking into account only those cases we have actually uncovered. The real number of cases is considerably higher." A similar phenomenon has been noted at Berlin and other main universities.

The senate of Heidelberg University has ruled that students whose "choice of words is identical or fundamentally similar to those of other students" will be given a fail grade. The rule applies both to the cheat and the person supplying the original. Other universities are considering entering a special comment on the student's record which would, in practice, make it difficult to find a job in a legal practice after graduation.

The rise of the German cheat has two causes. Christian Wolf, of Munich University, points out that copying essays is no longer as laborious as it was: a computer disc can be duplicated in seconds, and it is an easy matter to tinker slightly with the phrasing and the superficial appearance of the first page of the work. A large number of students — Heidelberg alone has 3,000 registered in the law faculty — tackling the same subject has allowed many cheats to escape detection. There will be stricter controls at all levels.

The main underlying cause of cheating is Germany's economic crisis. The average number of semesters needed to complete a law degree is 12, equivalent to six years of study. Most law students spend much longer, often interrupting their studies to take on part-time jobs. By the time a male student has completed his 12 months' military service, he has usually reached the age of 30 before entering legal practice.

As part of the crackdown on public spending, the Government is also considering introducing hefty tuition fees. All this is encouraging law students to take short cuts. Professor Brugger said: "Cheating has increased among law students in particular because they want to rush through their coursework and take examinations as quickly as possible." The younger they graduate, the better are their chances of finding a job.

Other symptoms of university stress have been reported. Above all, medical students are now said to be taking pills to see them through examinations. Even the Swiss are doping themselves through their studies. A survey of medical students at Zurich University found that 70 per cent took tablets.

The most common combination among German medical students is to take a Valium and a beta-blocker before each examination.

US licenses home kit for HIV test

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

AMERICA has approved the sale of the first home-testing kit for HIV, the Aids virus, so allowing the posting of anonymous blood samples. Results will be given over the telephone — seen as too impersonal a method by opponents.

The test, Confide, has been formally licensed by the Food and Drug Administration and will be available next month, price $40, in Texas and Florida. It will be on sale throughout the United States by the beginning of next year.

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Kohl: Germany is top of the European class

Britain left off Brussels list of virtuous states for monetary union

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE drive for European monetary union received a boost yesterday with an unexpectedly optimistic forecast from the European Commission that Germany and France would squeak past the entrance test on time and a pledge from Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, that he would never give up the fight to launch the euro.

In a hotly awaited prediction, the Commission said there would be sufficient recovery in Europe's economy to ensure that a total of seven countries would meet the strict test on budget deficits set by the Maastricht treaty next year. Britain was not one of them.

A budget deficit of no more than 3 per cent of gross domestic product in 1997 is deemed the most important of the so-called Maastricht criteria for launching the euro on January 1, 1999. The incipient recession in Germany and the slowdown in France had cast doubts on their ability to meet the target. However, after last-minute calculations, the Commission said it would squeak under the bar with 2.9 per cent and France with 3 per cent.

The presence in the Commission headquarters yesterday of Herr Kohl, the driving force behind European monetary union, gave special weight to the Commission's financial ritual and also fed speculation that Germany was being given the benefit of a large doubt. Herr Kohl acknowledged that "things are going a bit downhill" in his country's economy but insisted that the Maastricht criteria must be strictly followed.

While Germany should meet growth targets, it is forecast to miss narrowly that for national debt, which is set at 60 per cent of gross national product. Only France, Luxembourg and Britain are likely to meet this target. However, some latitude is expected to be allowed in this area. Taking this into account, the Commission figures suggested that likely founding monetary union members would be Germany, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Finland, plus Denmark if it decided to opt in.

Britain is forecast to miss the budget target with 3.7 per cent and meet the debt criterion with 56.2 per cent. Only Ireland, Luxembourg and Denmark are likely to meet the budget target this year.

Herr Kohl drew chortles from Jacques Santer, the President of the Commission, when he said Germany was like the top of the class at school. "I was usually in the middle of the class and when the top boy got bad marks everyone was really happy," he said.

He would do everything in his power to bring the German economy into line, he said. "I am not just a fairweather Chancellor. I have every intention of seeing this through." He said that he placed little trust on predictions. "I have seen a lot of forecasts in my political life . . . I do not intend to play that game any more."

Europe's current economic downturn has led to a growing belief in financial and political circles that politics will prevail and Germany will be prepared to soften its hardline approach to the Maastricht criteria for the sake of bringing in as many states as possible.

Herr Kohl, in relatively downbeat mood, said Europe was living in "dramatic" times. Five years after the fall of Communism, there was a "vacuum of ideology, not just in Europe but in the world". It was up to the EU to seize the opportunity.

Speaking as German officials a few hundred yards away were opposing any easing of the British beef ban, he called for absolute "solidarity with no strings attached" towards Britain over the "mad cow" crisis.

The strange case of Monsieur Sherlock Holmes

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

WAS Sherlock Holmes really French? An exhibition exploring this unlikely question opened in Paris yesterday, bringing together clues to suggest that beneath the famous deerstalker of the world's most enduring fictional detective were the mind, heart and blood of a Frenchman.

Holmes is a cult figure in France and, like every aspect of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's beloved sleuth, the mystery of his ancestry is hotly debated and the deductions anything but elementary.

At the beginning of *The Greek Interpreter*, while referring to his own "faculty of observation", he alludes to "my grandmother, who was the sister of Vernet, the French painter". According to the organisers of the exhibition, that probably is a reference to Carle Vernet, in which case Holmes's grandmother, Emilie, came to a sticky end under the guillotine. Her painting is in the Louvre.

Pictures of the Vernet family are displayed at the exhibition to show the similarity with Holmes's refined, Gallic features. There is no evidence, of course, that Dr Watson came from anything other than solid, not to say stolid, British stock.

French investigators have also tracked down a certain "Citoyen Sherlock", an elected official during the Revolution who later became a general under Napoleon.

Holmes's perfect mastery of French, his tendency to slip French phrases into everyday conversation, his frequent trips to France for business and pleasure, and his decision to take refuge in Montpellier in 1893 when hunted by the criminal minions of the evil Professor Moriarty are all cited as evidence that, although the detective may have chosen to live in Baker Street, Holmes was, at least spiritually, French.

Holmes turned down a knighthood, it is pointed out, but accepted the Légion d'honneur from the President of the Republic after arresting the notorious anarchist Huret in the Place de l'Opéra (the real French anarchist, Jules Bonnot, by coincidence, once lived in England and worked as Conan Doyle's chauffeur).

"Do you believe an Englishman of pure stock could have made such a choice?" asks a brochure accompanying the exhibition before arriving at the conclusion that perhaps reflects the new spirit of accommodation between Britain and France. "For a long time there has been not a shadow of a doubt. Sherlock Holmes was a Franco-British detective. So it is time that France paid homage to him."

The exhibition "Sherlock Holmes and France", at the Bibliothèque des Littératures Policières, may not be conclusive proof of Holmes's Gallic origins, but it is a testament to the detective's enduring popularity across the Channel where the word *Holmésien* has become part of the language.

The French Sherlock Holmes Society has assembled a series of tableaux depicting every visit made to France by Holmes and Watson, a reconstruction of the study in Baker Street, artefacts, playbills and Conan Doyle's works translated into hundreds of French editions — including the intriguing *Les Aventures de Serloc Kolmes*.

One of Conan Doyle's ancestors, Sir Charles Doyle, is buried in the Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris and a frisson of excitement ran through students of *l'Holmésologie* recently when a grave with the initials "SH" was discovered in the same cemetery. An application has been made to exhume the corpse.

The exhibition at 48 rue du Cardinal Lemoine runs until the end of August, and on Saturday members of the French Sherlock Holmes Society, clad — naturally — in Victorian dress, will assemble there before making a pilgrimage in hope of finding an address in the next road: 221B rue des Boulangers, or Bakers Street.

A waxwork Holmes contemplates the world of crime in the Paris exhibition yesterday

Nato approves European-led joint task forces

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO adopted a new image yesterday, approving the formation of a multinational military force that could be used by European governments to conduct peacekeeping operations without the Americans in charge.

The principle of combined joint task forces, which was first proposed by the United States in 1994, was formally approved by Nato's North Atlantic Council at a meeting in Brussels. Yesterday's decision will be rubber-stamped by Nato foreign ministers in Berlin next month.

The idea is to have a mix-and-match military force that can be adapted to suit different challenges. For example, members of the ten-nation Western European Union, Europe's defence organisation which complements Nato, could run an operation using American equipment, such as intelligence, communications and airlift assets, without involving US ground troops.

British defence sources emphasised yesterday, however, that since American commanders held many of the senior posts in Nato, they could still be involved in a WEU operation, even if they did not take charge.

One British ministerial source said he did not envisage a WEU force carrying out many operations on its own. "I can see a WEU force doing the odd disaster relief or peacekeeping operation," he said.

Once the combined joint task force plan is ratified on June 3, military planners will begin to work out where the new force should have its headquarters and who should command it. The plan is expected to be put into operation over the next six months.

The North Atlantic Council, made up of representatives of the 16 Nato members, will have to authorise missions for the new force, which will effectively give the United States a power of veto.

A Nato official said: "This is a very important step, as it is the first in the adaptation of Nato to its new post-Cold War missions."

The decision by Nato's ambassadors ended three years of wrangling between the United States and France. France was initially opposed to parts of the plan because of its 30-year refusal to place its forces under Nato command. Consensus was made possible by France's shift towards full co-operation in Nato operations after the election of President Chirac a year ago.

The plan also provides for non-Nato troops, such as those from Eastern Europe, to join the mix-and-match forces.

In another move, Nato is to set up a policy co-ordination group that will have political oversight of the whole restructuring of the alliance. Reforming Nato is seen as crucial not only because of changing needs after the end of the Cold War but also to encourage France to return as a fully integrated member of the alliance's military structure.

Moderate Serb leader is sacked

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

RADOVAN KARADZIC, the Bosnian Serb leader, dealt another blow to the fragile Bosnian peace process yesterday by sacking Rajko Kasagic, the Prime Minister who international mediators have tried to promote as a moderate alternative to the hardline Bosnian Serb Government.

Mr Kasagic, who is based in Banja Luka, has openly co-operated with the West and has criticised hardliners in the Serb capital of Pale for pursuing a policy of isolation. Mr Karadzic said yesterday that Mr Kasagic's co-operation with mediators threatened the "vital interest" of the Serb Republic.

However, international officials in charge of overseeing the civilian aspects of the peace plan said they would continue to conduct business with Mr Kasagic. "It's a putsch and we will not recognise it," a spokesman for Carl Bildt, the European Union High Representative, said.

Bossano facing defeat in battle for Gibraltar votes

FROM DOMINIC SEARLE IN GIBRALTAR

THE people of Gibraltar vote today in a general election which local media opinion polls predict will see Joe Bossano, the Chief Minister since 1988, returned to the opposition benches.

Yesterday GBC, the local radio station, put the Gibraltar Social Democrats led by Peter Caruana three points ahead of Mr Bossano's Socialist Labour Party, narrowing the nine-point lead shown in five earlier polls published since last Thursday.

Last night saw the end of a fiery campaign by the two main parties, in which the Social Democrat candidate Jaime Netto, a former trade unionist, has filed a complaint of assault, alleging that he was beaten as he distributed manifestos.

Mr Bossano, also a former trade unionist, has labelled Mr Caruana a "neo-fascist". He focused his last words to the electorate on making a comparison between Mr Caruana and his father-in-law, Je Triay, who in the 1960s led the PAG party, which sought autonomy with Franco's Spain — a policy widely rejected and which, at the time, prompted riots. This led to a statement being issued yesterday by retired politician Sir Joshua Hassan, who led the Rock for nearly 40 years. Sir Joshua endorsed the Social Democrats and said he resented Mr Bossano comparing the Socialist Labour Party, to his own party.

The Social Democrats have hurled accusations of intimidation and cronieism and a lack of democracy at Mr Bossano. The Governor's office has tried to ensure confidence among the 18,400 electorate that their votes will be secret.

The Gibraltar National Party has consistently scored 14 per cent support, giving a narrow chance that its leader, Dr Joseph Garcia, could gain a seat and hold the balance of power in a hung parliament. Gibraltar operates a "first past the post" system in which the first 15 form the parliament and eight hold the majority. There is a single independent candidate, Peter Cumming, formerly of the Social Democrats, who gained less than 0.5 per cent support with a call for shared nominal British and Spanish Heads of State.

Mr Bossano is trying to make decolonisation in the form of "free association" the main issue for his mandate. He insists he must be the man to take the proposals to the United Nations decolonisation committee this summer, to show Gibraltar's willingness to meet a year 2000 deadline for an end to colonisation even if Britain resists. He rules out dialogue with Spain unless it recognises self-determination first, which is highly unlikely.

Mr Caruana is fighting claims that he is "soft on Spain", and says sovereignty is not negotiable. He urges "healing" relations with Britain and qualified dialogue with Spain.

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Don Quixote cut down in latest battle

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Don Quixote, accompanied by his servant Sancho Panza, depicted in a George Cruikshank engraving

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

SHARP editorial scissors have been taken to *Don Quixote*, the most acclaimed work in Spanish literature, nearly 400 years after its first publication.

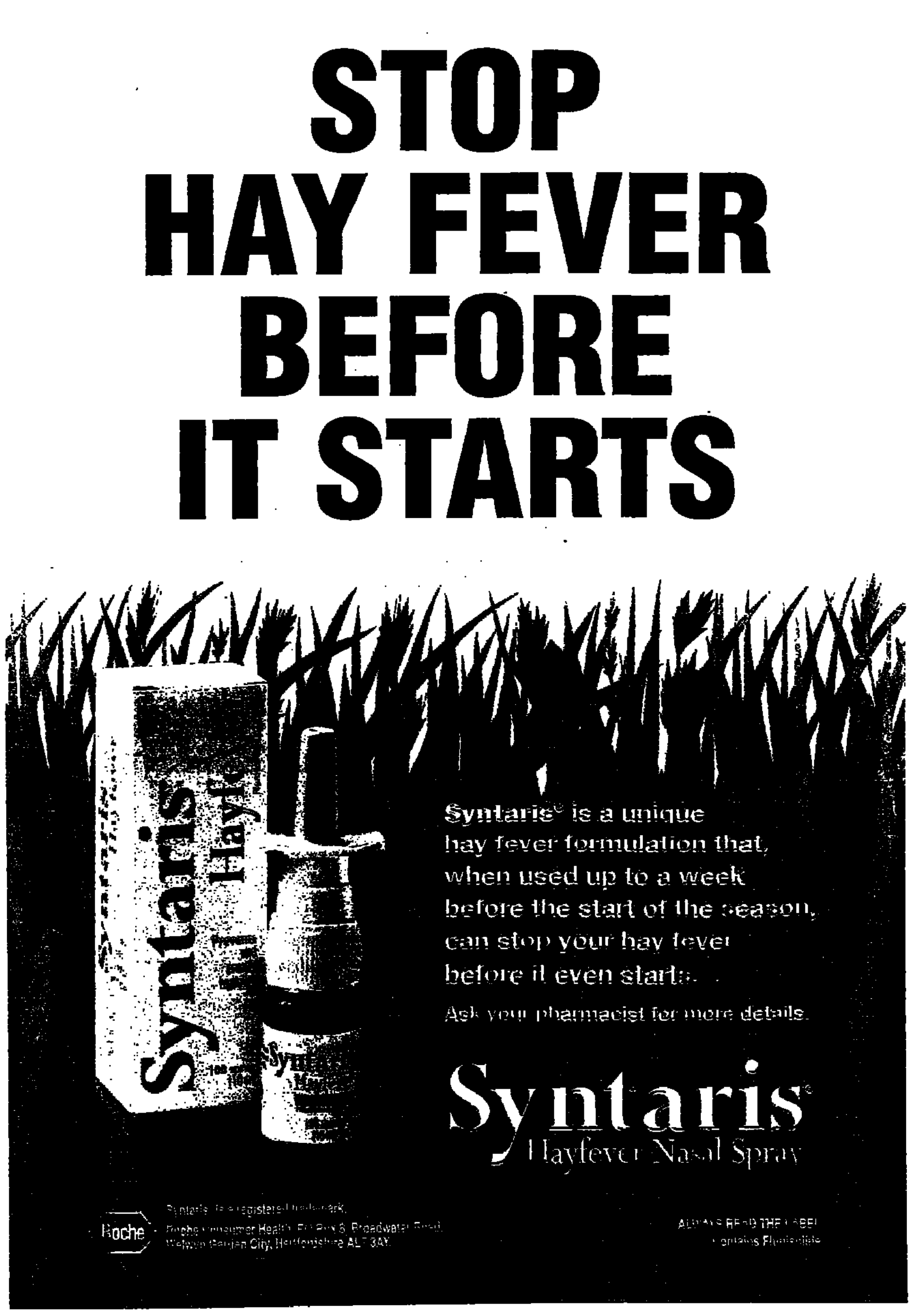
In a move that is bound to cause controversy in the land that worships the novelist, poet and playwright Cervantes, a publishing house in Barcelona will next week put on the market an unprecedented, amputated version of the Spanish classic.

Editors have decided that a total of 54 out of *Don Quixote's* 74 chapters are expendable. "Our intention," said a spokesman for the publishing house, "is to encourage the reader to approach the classic without fear. We do not want to frighten people with a surfeit of pages."

The unabridged original, which was an immediate success when it was published in 1605, runs to some 1,200 pages. Particularly unsparing are the cuts to the second part of *Don Quixote*, and aficionados will be dismayed to learn that among the episodes to be lost in the cull is the one in which Sancho Panza, Quixote's down-to-earth servant, is Governor of the isle of Barataria.

The idea has not been welcomed by scholars. Antonio Garcia Berrio, Professor of Literary Theory at Madrid's Complutense University and one of Spain's foremost literary critics, said: "Everything is perfect in *Quixote*. As in any other great work of art, there is nothing in it that is expendable. If he so wishes, the reader himself is perfectly capable of making his own selection."

Señor Berrio added: "The exclusion of so much is a sordid example of the commercialised hypocrisy of present society."



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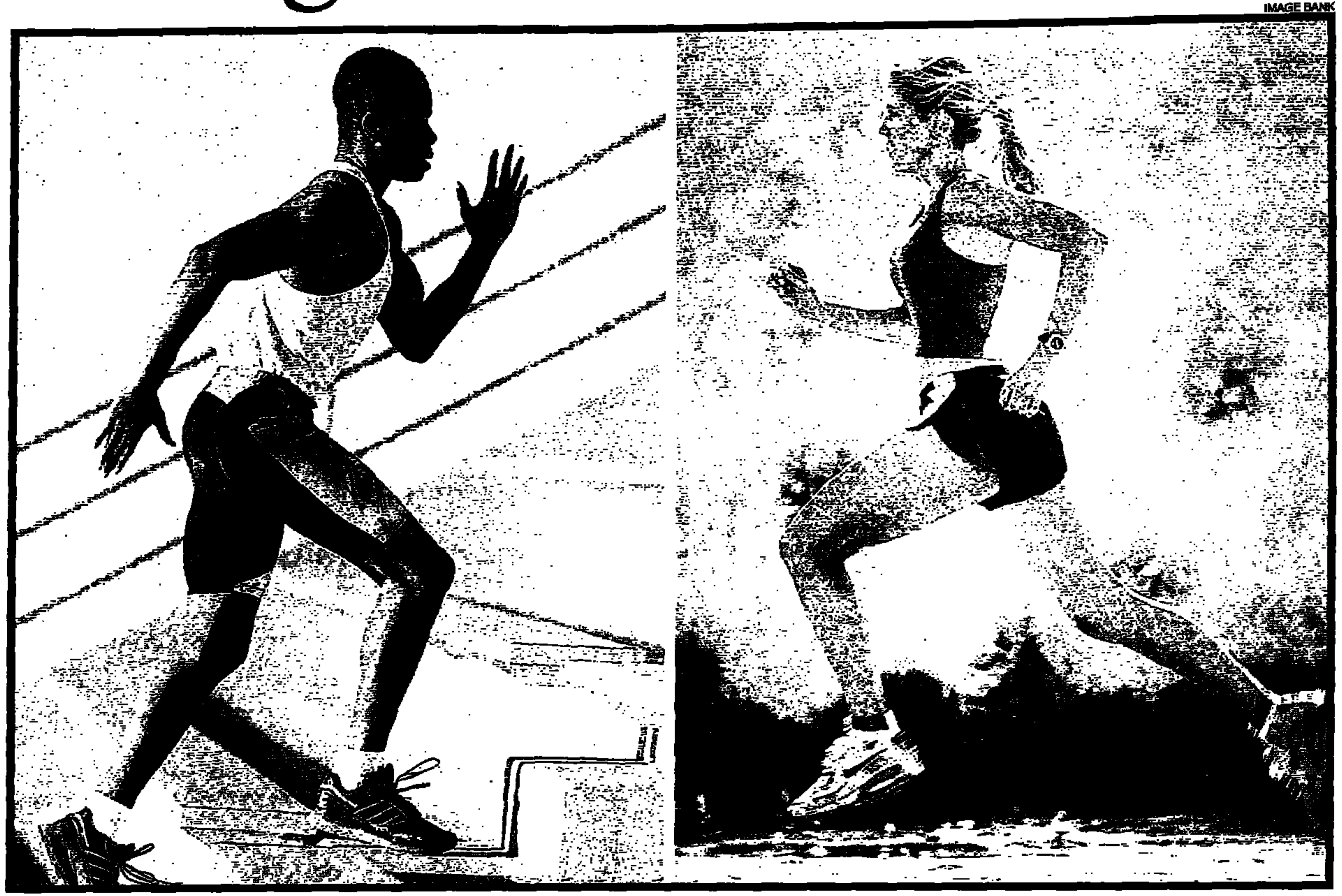
Running free of the treadmill

Gyms are passé, real people prefer to take their exercise in the fresh air, reports Style Editor **Grace Bradberry**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After years of air-conditioned gyms, where the hills are just simulated gradients on rollers, more and more people are rediscovering the pleasure of the great outdoors

THERE IS a casebook dream, experienced by most of us at some stage, in which the sleeper runs and runs but never moves forward. No matter how hard the legs work, the target never comes closer and the pursuer is never left behind.

In short, you are on a treadmill. Or a stationary bike. Or a rowing machine.

It is odd that the gym, which mirrors so closely one of our most common nightmares, should have become the fitness activity of choice for goal-orientated people over the past ten years. And it is odder still that it should have taken us so long to wake up to the sheer tedium of gym life.

But woken up to it we apparently have. After years in the virtual reality world of the fitness centre, where hills are not hills but simulated gradients, an increasing number of people are choosing to leave this hermetically sealed bubble in search of the real thing. The great outdoors, shunned for so long as the territory of serious sportsmen and dowdy ramblers, is being rediscovered.

There are some glamorous role-models. Gabrielle Reece, a 6ft 2in model, gave up the catwalk for a life on the beach playing volleyball. She is signed to Nike. Ulrika Jonsson, the former weathergirl and presenter of *Gladiators*, looks as though she has spent hundreds of hours in the gym. In fact, her agent says, her main activity is walking.

One of those who has turned away from the world of weights and Stairmasters is Mark Forrest, 31, a DJ with Virgin Radio. "I've jacked the gym in," he says. "I got bored. I was looking for distractions and it was a very stark choice. Either I looked at myself in the mirrors, or I stared at MTV, or I stared at a whole bunch of people who were more pumped up than I would ever be. It was mindless."

Instead, he now goes fell running, competing in some of the 450 races organised each year. "Fresh air is the main attraction. With the gym I'd step out of one air-conditioned building, walk 200 yards, then step into another air-conditioned building. Where's the *joie de vivre* in that?" Many others have come to the same conclusion. Men, in particular, are seeking a goal beyond vanity. The gym manager at Cannons, in the heart of the City of London, has noticed a switch in attitude among members. "They used to come in saying they wanted to be fit," Marco Grasso says. "Now they'll say, 'I want to run a marathon or do a triathlon, what training do I need?'."

The gym has even introduced bring-your-own-bike machines, for people who do not have time during the week to seek out good cycling country, but who want their training to mimic the real thing as closely as possible.

To women, this may not sound a bundle of laughs, but then the motivation of the two sexes is often very different.

"A lot of guys believe that they're trapped," says Stephen Ferns, editor of *GQ Active* which is launched this month. "They have this thing about being stuck in a rut and wanting to escape." The trend towards outdoor activities, particularly physically challenging or dangerous sports, is one reaction to that fear.

Women too are looking for a challenge. But they also have an aversion to competitive sport, and it is this peculiar combination which has dictated what they will and will not do.

"Aerobics was fine, because it was to music and was non-competitive. Walking and cycling are also fine because one is a leisure activity, the other a means of transport," Fiona Hayes, a personal trainer, says.

But as aerobics has developed a slightly naff image, so women have begun cross-training programmes and discovered that mixing activities gives them a new level of fitness. Emboldened by this, they too have begun looking for more interesting activities. Activity centres, such as Twr-y-Felin, in St David's, Dyfed, have noticed that what was once a male market has now become mixed, as women try out a range of activities including climbing, mountain biking and water sports.

Sportswear companies have picked up on this. Salomon, known for its ski boots, has named the trend "cross-hiking", and brought out a shoe specifically designed for rough, outdoor conditions. Nike has done the same, bringing out the Air Mada, which has been featured in style magazines including *The Face* and *Arena*. This, let's face it, represents a significant shift in the style positioning for outdoor pursuits.

"We'd never have featured this kind of thing a few years ago," says Ashley Heath of *The Face*. "But with things like hiking, the cliché of the spod has disappeared."

There was a lot of baggage to leave behind. For women in particular, there is the spectre of the Julie Walters film, *She'll Be Wearing Pink Pyjamas*, set on an outdoor activity course. Full of sagging leggings, mawkish confessions and emotional scenes of triumph, it is the sort of film that keeps fashionable women tied to their treadmills.

What is enticing them out is the new cutting edge image that attaches to anything that could remotely be described as a dangerous sport. Some of the activities are verging on tribal. It is no surprise that Mariella Frostrup goes scuba diving. In her world, who doesn't?

The Antipodean influence is also strong. Huge numbers of the under-35s have spent a year in Australia or New Zealand, where activities such as white water rafting, bungee jumping and trekking have long been popular. A whole subculture has developed, with its own look and an attitude. Returning to England, many people have tried to incorporate elements of their gap year into their city lifestyles.

"You see a lot of people walking round with all the gear, even though they never visit the countryside," Lydia Campbell, editor of *Get Active* magazine, says.

Shops such as Ski 47, a London chain run by a group of New Zealanders, are benefiting from the boom. Marcus Wilson, one of the managers, says that the chain's customers include a number of well-known faces. "They come to us partly because we're seen as laid-back Kiwis. But we don't just sell the gear. We also organise things like bungee jumping in Normandy and night-time roller skating.

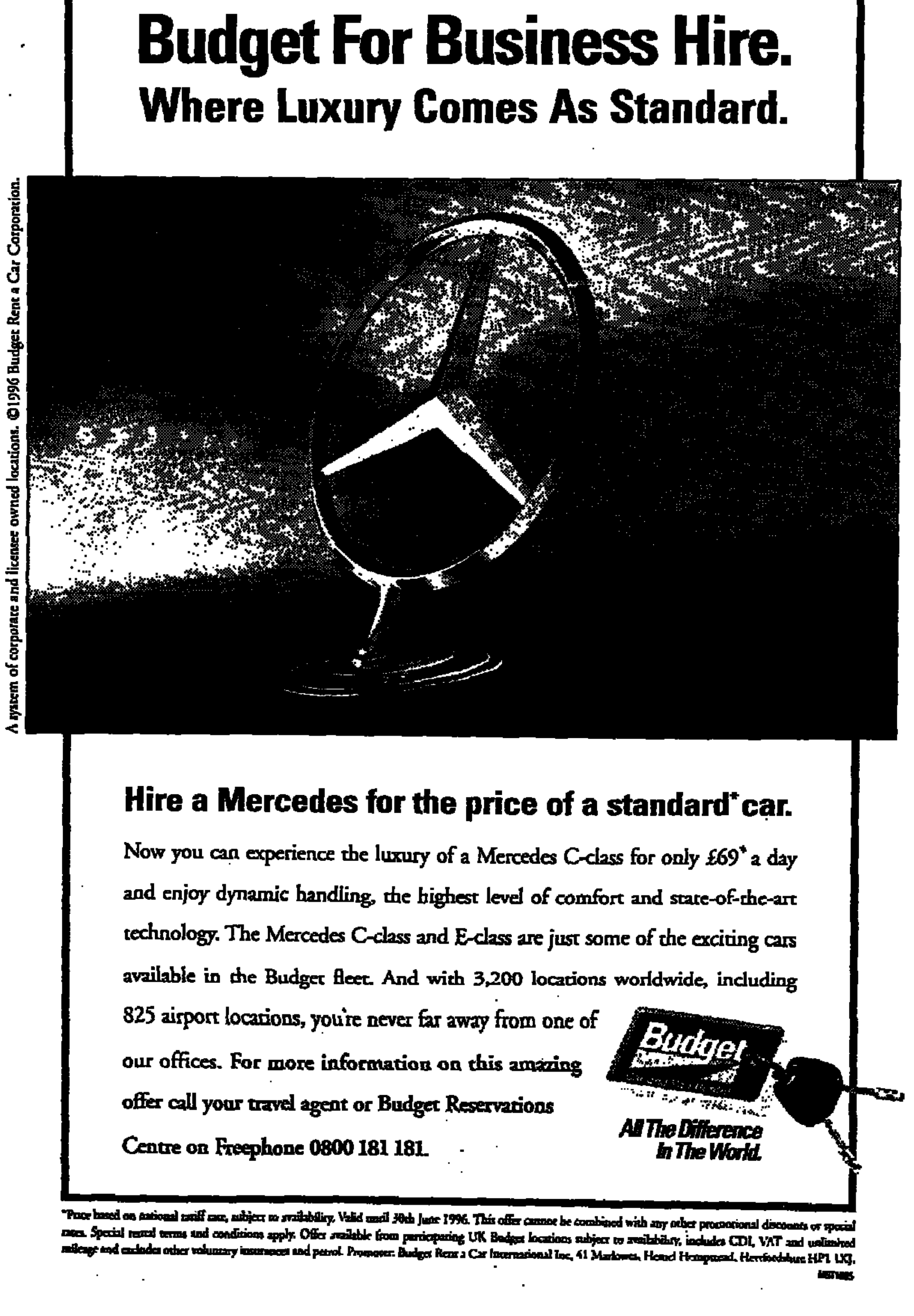
HERE COMES
summer
DAY FOUR

"We're seeing a lot of people who wouldn't have come to us even five years ago. They've got bored with aerobics, but they've probably also been influenced by MTV. They no longer see adventurous sports as beyond their abilities."

What has happened to the stream of new exercise crazes that used to dominate? The answer is that they are still around, but not attracting the numbers that Reebok's Step did in the early 1990s. Spinning — where the class sits on specially developed cycling machines, pedalling faster whenever the instructor calls "hill" — takes up too much space for most British gyms. Slide, the last craze to attract much publicity, demanded intensity of effort that was simply beyond most of us.

Of course, indoor exercise will remain the most practical winter option, but even here the trend is moving away from the aerobics class. Ballroom dancing and pilates (a cross between the Alexander Technique and yoga) are both big. Overall, the most fashionable gym pursuit is something we heard much about five years ago: kickboxing. Kylie Minogue, Cindy Crawford and Elle Macpherson all practise it. Harry Connick Jnr, the singer and actor, takes part in real boxing. "He wears a helmet, of course," says a record company spokesman. Enter another 1990s fashion accessory?

There are still some who persist in going to the gym. Tamara Beckwith, the trust fund babe beloved of the tabloids, still goes to the Harbour Club, but then her father does own it.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A difficult diagnosis

MEDICAL BRIEFING

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

MORE THAN 40 years ago I was having dinner in a London restaurant when we were unexpectedly joined by a man of rare charm who had been at Cambridge with my companion. After the other guests had gone I was told he was Christopher Robin, the son of A.A. Milne, but this was a subject, together with Winnie the Pooh and Christopher Robin's prayers, that he did not like to talk about.

Christopher Milne, who died last month, suffered from myasthenia gravis, a neurological disease. A town with a population of 100,000 people, for instance, could expect about three new cases each year.

Myasthenia gravis is an auto-immune disease which attacks the chemical receptors in the muscles, thus preventing nerve impulses from reaching them so they become progressively weaker. As in Christopher Milne's case the diagnosis is difficult and is often delayed. The severity of muscle weakness and the muscle groups involved vary considerably between patients. The diagnosis is made even harder because the condition can alter remarkably quickly, not only from day to day but hour to hour.

The onset of myasthenia gravis can be sudden or gradual and the initial symptoms are often ill-defined but include excessive muscle weakness after exercise, a voice which tires after a long conversation, eyelids which tend to droop excessively when tired and transient double vision, all of which are too easily confused with anxiety or a neurotic personality. A mistaken diagnosis of nervous debility seems to be confirmed when the patient rapidly recovers after a rest, but this is a characteristic response.

The myasthenia, the muscle weakness, is first evident in the eye and eyelid muscles in nearly 40 per cent of cases, but eventually 90 per cent of all sufferers will have eye muscle involvement. In severe cases the patient may have difficulty in talking and swallowing. If the muscles include those that control breathing — as happens in 10 per cent of cases — the patient may suffer a myasthenic crisis, a potentially lethal condition which may require treatment in a respirator.

As the auto-immune process affects the acetylcholine receptors, treatment is aimed at stopping the breaking down of the acetylcholine, a chemical involved in the transmission of nerve impulses. The two drugs most commonly used are pyridostigmine and neostigmine.

The care of patients with myasthenia gravis requires skill and experience as the drug dosage needs to be varied constantly to fit the changing pattern of the disease. It is also difficult to deal with any side-effects of the neostigmine, some of which can mimic the disease.

● *The Myasthenia Gravis Association provides information packs for doctors and patients and a freephone helpline: 0800 919922.*

Eat, drink and infect

THE recent media coverage of Burma culminated in a television interview with its opposition leader, the Nobel prizewinner Aung San Suu Kyi.

When in her twenties, Suu Kyi worked at the United Nations building in New York, where she developed a great admiration for the organisation's Secretary-General, U Thant. One day, when passing a table set out for his lunch, she could not resist pouring out some water and drinking from the great man's glass.

Fortunately Suu Kyi was very healthy and U Thant's work for the United Nations was not interrupted by any untoward infection. Although micro-organisms, both viruses and bacteria, are frequently spread by droplet infection and there is no theoretical reason why a shared glass should not transmit them, this rarely happens if the glass is allowed to dry properly. The fact that spittle has antiseptic qualities may also be a factor.

It is possible that blood-borne infections could be spread by those with bleeding gums, but there is no evidence that this happens often.

Doctor Peter Wilson, a pathologist at University College Hospital, says that if cutlery is not adequately cleaned and there are obvious food residues left on it, salmonella and other gut organisms can be spread.

There can be few better ways of spreading micro-organisms than by using the normally damp household dishcloth, according to microbiologists. Dr Wilson says that such cloths are particularly dangerous if they are not well dried, or if they are used to wipe a kitchen surface or for any other purpose than drying cups, glasses and cutlery.

Dogs provide a new lead

UNTIL pit bull terriers became distinctly unfashionable, there was a disabled old lady who had four attached to her wheelchair when she went out in Hyde Park. The dogs were well trained, providing auxiliary traction as well as companionship.

The ability of dogs to serve the blind and the deaf, and to succour the lonely, is well established — and now researchers in the United States are investigating the practical help which a specially trained dog can provide for sufferers from other forms of disability, in particular the chair-bound. Their report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* shows that dogs can be trained to help the severely disabled in all sorts of ways, as well as improving the psychological well-being of patients. Training a dog for the disabled takes six to nine months.

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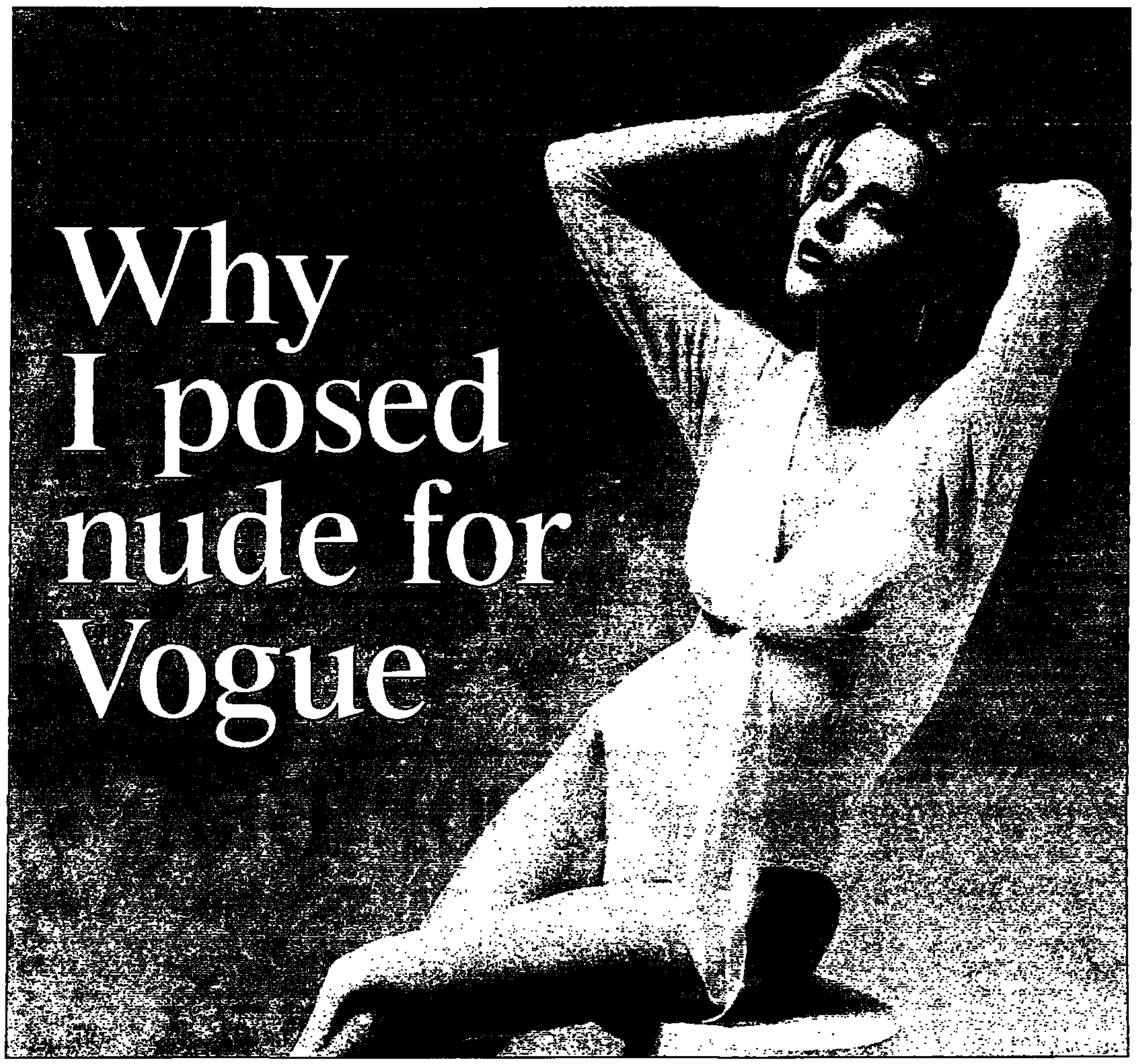
Jerry Hall, Veronica Webb, Anna Friel and Ruby Wax have undressed for the camera



Why I posed nude for Vogue

These days, confides Jerry Hall, "I actually feel sexier when I'm a little fatter" Photograph: EJ Camp/Katz

So why, after 25 years of modelling with more or less all her clothes on, has Jerry Hall suddenly decided that it was about time she posed nude in next month's *Vogue*? Especially since she appears to be so anxious about her figure?

Many people somehow assume that just because a person is famous they are bound to be a teensy bit self-conscious about the way they look. But if you scratch a little below the surface, you soon learn that most famous people turn out, in fact, to be *staggeringly* self-conscious about how they look.

SCOPE

Veronica Webb: no worries about nudity

Including Mick Jagger's wife, as it happens. What? Jerry Hall the Texan belle? Legs like a *pair of scissors*? *That* Jerry Hall? Worried about her appearance?

Apparently so. Look, to you and me, Hall might well come across as just another arresting 39-year-old blonde. But to her, all she sees is a woman with big feet — size nine. "I buy the strangest shoes just because they fit, though on the whole I have to get them specially made at Manolo Blahnik."

And having to join those waifish young supermodels backstage at collections? That can just wilt Hall's confidence: "It can be really awful when all those girls are floating around looking marvellous and I come out looking like a squashed sausage." She'll say only one thing for certain: her hips she likes.

Ruby Wax: great back

So why bare all to David Bailey, and the world? Because the time seemed ripe.

"I've been modelling for 25 years and this is the first time I've ever done a nude shot," Hall confesses, adding: "The strange thing is that when I was younger I was *more insecure* about my body than I am now."

KATZ

Anna Friel: peeked out from behind a scarf

Finally, "after 20 years of marriage and three kids" she has grown more relaxed about her body. "I actually feel *sexier* when I'm a little fatter," though she has "this crazy diet that I do just before modelling when all you eat is two hard-boiled eggs and a grapefruit for every meal.

"I also do the odd panic workout the day before a job, but that's it. Mick thinks I'm pathetic. He's always telling me that if I just kept up the routine I'd be in great shape."

In the end, the semi-coy pose she and Bailey settled on was a sort of blonde Venus in lacy black bra and knickers. The bra is in place, but the knickers have slipped and are nestling just below her crotch: only the most naive reader might mistake it for a *Which?* report on worsening standards of knicker elastic.

"I didn't know it was her first time," says Bailey, clearly flattered. "Jerry's a mate anyway. She knows she can trust me. And I'm quite easy to work with. Jerry's got a great body. Everyone sees their faults much more than somebody else would. There's nothing wrong with Jerry's body."

Susie Forbes, *Vogue*'s Editor at Large, offers a little bit of background: "Jerry Hall's mother made her promise she would never take her clothes off." So between the constraints of her mother and her cosmetics contracts, Hall has spent her modelling life more or less clothed. "I think she felt quite liberated at the opportunity to take her clothes off. You can see she's enjoying every minute. It says everything about her as a person."

Hall is one of four women who agreed to pose for Bailey in *Vogue*; it's a special "fitness and fashion" issue, and the magazine wanted to know how famous women viewed their own bodies. Like Hall, the three others — model-cum-TV-presenter Veronica Webb, actress Anna Friel, and comedienne Ruby Wax — are snapped in various stages of undress. The photographs all have that Bailey signature: unlikely but stunning compositions.

So was it Bailey's brainwave? And why Ruby Wax?

"Nah, it was Vogue's idea," he says. "They said would I take these pix of girls with not much on. The ones we used seemed like the four who were most diverse, you know, the widest range."

And Ruby Wax?

"Ruby Wax . . . It was such a funny idea. She said she'd only do it from the knees down. She quite enjoyed it in the end." Wax, 43, is photographed back to camera, swathed in a towel large enough to dry the England rugby squad. "I thought she had a great back. So we did her back."

Maybe *Vogue* struck lucky when they called her. Wax says she is having a "thin moment", thanks to food-poisoning she had her stomach pumped. "I really recommend it." Any hang-ups about her body? "There's not one good thing about it except my lower calves." She is already eyeing up plastic surgery.

Vogue thinks Veronica Webb "is genetically blessed with a flawless body — we're talking perfect breasts at 31 years old". But Webb insists that "*everyone* has moments when they want to be thinner" and she panics about her bottom: "It's great right now but, because it's big and round, if it ever falls it'll be a national disaster". Anna Friel, once *Brookside*'s Beth *Jordache*, has a love-hate relationship with her teeny pot belly. Oh yes, and she thinks her jaw and chin are "too big".

Bailey says that the studio shoots, each of which took half a day, were all very relaxed, nothing awkward, no embarrassment. "It was all very discreet. It just happened, you know? It just evolved. Veronica is a pro. Most models couldn't care less about nudity. They're so used to it." Friel, just 19, and still having sleepless nights about her forthcoming debut nude scene in a British film, *Tribe*, finally chose to peek out from behind a chiffon scarf.

So is all this fascinating, or just headline grabbing? A clever bit of both.

"There are always taboos about nudity," says Forbes. But she is convinced that "*Vogue* women will be very pleased to see that famous, beautiful women have little body paranoias, just like the rest of us. The *Vogue* reader is fascinated about celebrities anyway, and hearing them talking about their bodies is better than anything else. We said they could show as much or as little as they wanted.

"*The voyeur in all of us* — women in particular — is fascinated by other women and their bodies. I think every woman has a list as long as her arm of things she doesn't like about her body. I don't think men would know where to start. I don't think the average man assesses his body the way the average woman does. I don't think men spend as much time as women do thinking about their body as women do — let's be honest."

Whoah now!

Okay, it's true that it's a very womanly thing, this staring at other semi-naked bodies and measuring yourself up against them. Men don't look at Paul Newman's or Paul Merton's naked chest and start gloating. But don't think men don't care what they look like. Many men look at themselves in the mirror, see a crumpled, unshaven face, teeth last seen by a dentist in 1982, a shirt with an ink stain badly camouflaged and they give themselves a long, hard, honest stare and think: "*Perfect!* Thank God I don't look like some smoothychops daytime game show host.".

It's not that men don't worry about their shape at all, just that they negotiate different ways around the problem. Men don't diet, for example. Instead they eat plenty of garlic. This doesn't make them thinner, but it keeps people at a distance. And they look thinner at a distance.

Nor do men like the prying eyes of a camera lens on their naked body. They prefer the discreet privacy of the post-match communal bath where your team-mates wouldn't dream of doing anything so vulgar as staring at your nakedness: they take nudity in their stride and just flick wet towels at your bottom.

How come *Vogue* doesn't commission pictures of naked men?

"It's a well-known fact," says Forbes, trying not to be too crushing, "that men without their clothes on aren't as beautiful as women without their clothes on."

Bailey agrees that "women like to look at other women . . . sometimes there's more nudity in *Vogue* than *Playboy*. Women like to be bitchy about other women. But maybe it also gives them something to aim at."

He thinks that there are acres of male flesh in magazines. *It's just that most people* don't *register* the fact. "You're always seeing guys stripped down. Just cos you're a fella you don't notice so much."

But you don't often see full-frontals of men in magazines. "It's not so attractive."

Have you taken any? "If I was gay I probably would. I tend to photograph things that interest me. Male nudity doesn't interest me as much as female nudity. I don't do pictures of trees and things, either. Robert Mapplethorpe — look at his pictures of male nudes. All through history male nudes have dominated. Look at Michelangelo. I guess he was gay. I don't know. I didn't sleep with him."

How's your body shaping up at 58? "Pretty awful."

Ever posed nude, David? "Avedon asked me. But I refused. I was thirtyish then. It might have been all right. You wouldn't wanna see me naked now."

JOE JOSEPH

Kissed by the man who kissed Monroe

Tony Curtis may be 70 but his power to charm remains undimmed, as **Dalya Alberge** discovered

Fifteen seconds of fame came my way this week. My hand was kissed by *the man* who kissed Marilyn Monroe: Tony Curtis. The Hollywood legend in his own lifetime — the sex symbol who, at the height of his success, was getting 10,000 fan letters a week — had flown into Cannes for the film festival and was immediately besieged by the paparazzi.

His first words to me were no more exciting than "How are you?" But said in that familiar, gritty Bronx voice, they might well have been a line from a Hollywood script.

Here was the gorgeous slave from *Spartacus* whose boyish good looks fitted easily into a woman's dress for *Some Like It Hot*. Decades on, that Hollywood magic is still with the youthful 70-year-old who made more than 100 movies. A terrifying army of photographers screamed his name and jostled each other for space, violently pushing any onlookers out of their way to get their picture.

For a few moments, I was in the middle of it all. You don't have to be famous to find fame in Cannes. As the photographers literally fought for his attention, calling his name to make him look into their camera, Curtis ignored them and talked to — me.

Charisma: Tony Curtis

I thought of the leading ladies into whose eyes he had looked. The man who has charm down to a fine art made me feel as important as any of them: he had remembered me from our meeting two years ago.

Then he stood and posed for the cameras with his latest girlfriend, Jill Vanden-Berg, an unmissable, larger-than-life "babe" with Marilyn *Monroe-style peroxide hair* — the latest love of his life after a string of wives and affairs.

Later that afternoon, I met him again. He had an excuse (to promote his latest comic film); I would not have needed one. He is appearing as "the amazing jaded superhero, Reptile Man", based on a 1960s television show.

The paparazzi were at the hotel again. A secluded corner was found for us, out of their range. "But I love it," he said, commenting on the frenzied adulation. "This is all part of my profession. I'm a reflection of what they're looking for." Laughingly, he added: "I'm one of the handsomest men in the world." Only he could get away with a comment like *that*.

As I prepared to leave, he told me about his film being screened next Tuesday — "and I want you there", he said, sounding like the romantic lead in a Hollywood film.

Then he leant over and kissed me goodbye, whispering in my ear: "So long kid. See ya along the line." Yes, Hollywood is all make-believe. But yes, it sure makes you feel good.

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Controlling a political explosion

The Semtex affair has been bungled, says **Magnus Linklater**

Michael Howard could no more have stayed silent over the Semtex contamination scandal than Stephen Dorrell could have covered up the link between BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. But in each case, the most tentative scientific evidence has plunged the Government into political turbulence. The BSE affair threatens our relations with the EU, and now the discovery of explosives contamination on a small rubber pad in a forensic laboratory in Kent risks destabilising the Northern Ireland peace process. With up to a dozen IRA terrorist convictions apparently in need of reappraisal, the potential for propaganda disputing the fairness of the British judicial system is immense.

Each crisis was unnecessary; each suggests a Government at the mercy of scientific expertise, mesmerised by evidence it does not fully understand. The BSE problem should have been dealt with years ago, when outbreaks of the disease were first detected. At that stage, the instinct was to play down the threat, but this left the Government vulnerable when the first remote links with CJD were revealed.

The Semtex affair is of a different order. Here, Mr Howard would have been well advised to demand more investigation — and more time — before making his statement. Far from keeping quiet for too long, as the Shadow Home Secretary, Jack Straw, claims, Mr Howard should have demanded more research and come to the House later. That way, he could have made a more detailed statement, and one that would have carried more authority and thus reassurance.

Instead, he has invited maximum speculation in a field already wide open to exploitation. So far, we have no precise evidence about when the centrifuge at the Forensic Explosives Laboratory in Sevenoaks came to be contaminated. Forensic tests have been carried out on it since 1989, but the traces of RDX, a Semtex component, might well predate this, from previous use.

To suggest that every criminal case involving Semtex over this period must now be suspect is to call into question up to 38 convictions, many involving the IRA. Yet the supporting evidence is minute. The laboratory head, Dr Maurice Marshall, says in his report that the chances of cross-contamination were almost non-existent because of the elaborate precautions taken to prevent it. One eminent forensic scientist I spoke to yesterday said that it was absolutely fundamental to the procedure that control tests were carried out, so that if there was any contamination on the equipment, it would show up in the results. That it did not suggests to him that no contamination in fact took place. "These days scientists are so frightened of getting things wrong that they report any problem, however small, to their superiors, and leave it to them," he said.

The net result of this is that politicians have to reach a judgment based on inadequate or ill-understood evidence. Damned if they suppress it, they are equally damned if they throw it open to inquiry.

Professor Brian Caddy, who has now been called in to investigate the implications of the contamination, may well be the best man for the job, having already examined evidence in the case of the Maguire Seven. But it would surely have been better to bring him in first to assess the *prima facie* case before going public. This would at least have enabled the Home Secretary to quantify the risk of a miscarriage of justice. He could have cited with authority those cases — at most one or two — where Semtex was the sole or principal evidence relied on in court, and so restricted the inquiry to them. He might even have been able to conclude that cross-contamination had never taken place at all.

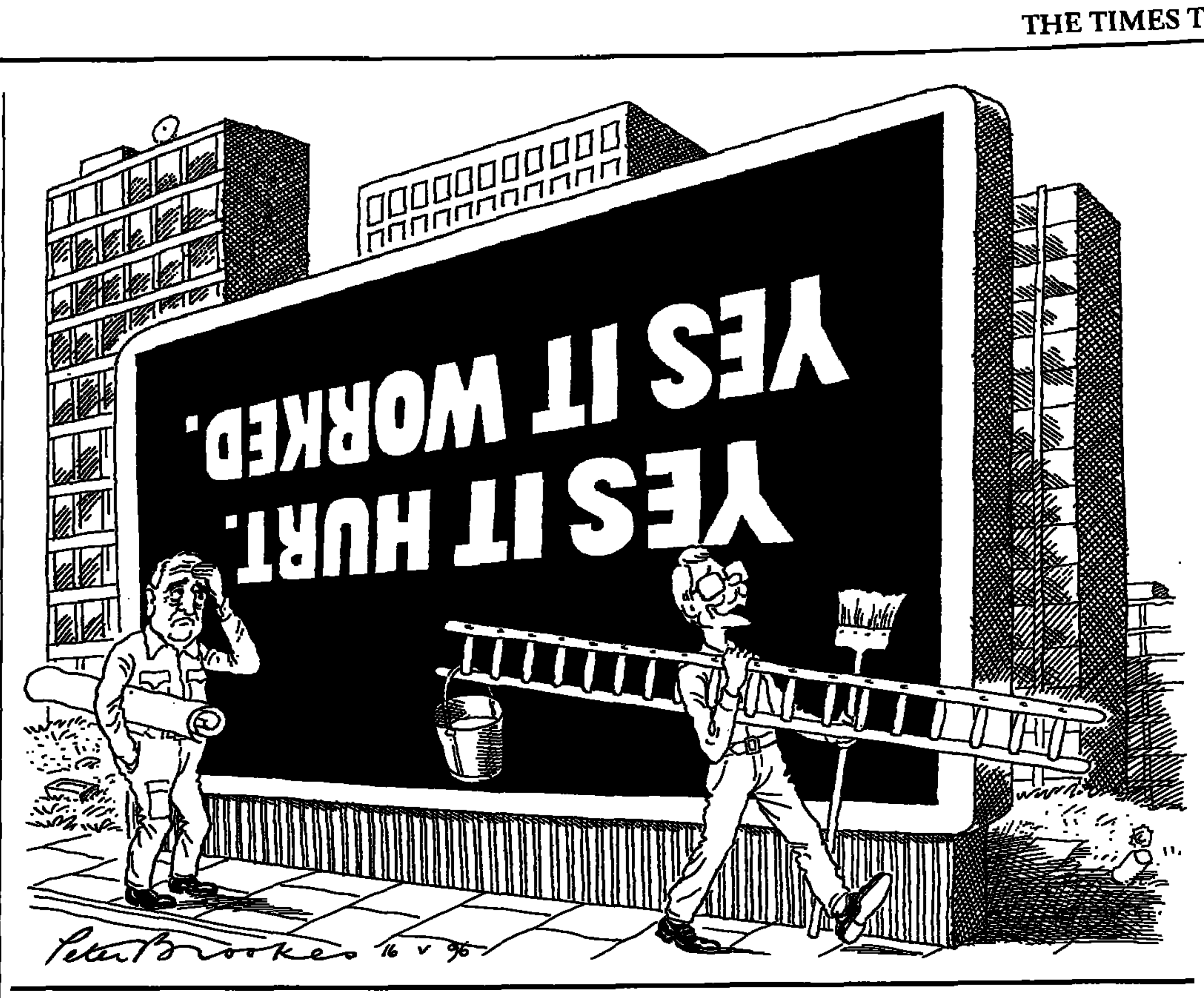
As it is, we have maximum suspicion and minimum reassurance — all in an area of the utmost sensitivity. It would be easy, of course, to blame the scientists themselves. Following the shameful débâcle of the Birmingham Six case, it was a reasonable expectation that slipshod testing procedures would be eliminated. One of the more damning pieces of evidence in that case came during the 1987 appeal, when Dr Frank Skuse, the prosecution's forensic expert, was asked about the handling of glycerine samples. He admitted that they had not been stored in a fridge to prevent evaporation, and that it might have been better if they had been. Why did he not do so? he was asked. "It was," he said, "an omission."

In the aftermath of the Birmingham case, the very least one might have expected was a guarantee that there would be no more such "omissions". And yet the centrifuge at Sevenoaks was never properly cleaned, never fully inspected.

> There is no such thing as a foolproof laboratory

The truth is that there is probably no such thing as the foolproof laboratory. However impressive the technology, the human ingredient will always interfere with the hope of scientific infallibility. Even that great forensic icon of our times — DNA — has not yet proved to be the panacea that was confidently anticipated. Instead, it has proved so far to be a slow and cumbersome science. Recently, Strathclyde Police reopened the infamous "Bible John" murder case in Glasgow by digging up the 16-year-old corpse of a man they suspected might have been the killer. They predicted that DNA tests would solve the case once and for all. Four months on, the corpse has been reburied and the case is still open.

The lesson is that forensic science is not yet, may never be, 100 per cent reliable. Politicians, police and lawyers should not act as if it were. Instead they should understand its limitations. That is the first step towards using it intelligently, rather than dancing to its tune.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2001: Blair's odyssey

To win the election after next, Labour will have to become ultra-Thatcherite

William Rees-Mogg

In the United States, new presidents start to run for a second term on the day they are inaugurated. In Britain, Tony Blair is already running for his second term; if "new" Labour is to be more than another blip in British political history, he has to win the election of 2001 or 2002 as well as that of 1996 or 1997. The precedents are against him. Clement Attlee's great election victory of 1945 was followed by a narrow victory in 1950 and defeat in 1951; Harold Wilson's only big election victory, in 1966, was followed by defeat in 1970. Four Conservative administrations in the past 100 years have lasted ten years or more; the present one has lasted for 17. No Labour administration has lasted for more than six.

Even when the Conservatives suffer a bad defeat, they tend to recover quickly. In the election of 1880, they won only 240 seats, but they were back in power inside five years; in 1906 they won 150, and it took 10 years to get back; in 1945 they won 200 and it took six years; in 1966 they won 250 and it took four. The Conservatives suffer landslide defeats from time to time when the electorate is thoroughly tired of them, and that is quite likely to happen at the next election. Even then, they are seldom out of office for much longer than a single parliament.

Some commentators think that it will be different this time, because the Conservatives will split over Europe. They may, but they probably will not, partly because the danger of doing so is such an obvious one. There are several potential successors to John Major after an election defeat who could probably hold the party together. Anyone in the range between Chris Patten and John Redwood could probably do so. There is also the possibility the Tories will move straight to William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, as their next leader. He will be only 40 in 2001, the most likely date for the election after next.

Mr Blair has to assume that the Conservatives will follow at least as formidable a strategy as would be signalled by a Hague leadership. Mr Hague is a Northerner, sitting for a Yorkshire seat. The election of 2001 will be decided in the hundred or so marginal seats of the Midlands and North-West to whose voters the gritty Yorkshire accent of Harold Wilson was so dangerously seductive in the 1960s and early 1970s. Mr Hague has the advantage of being eight years younger than Mr Blair, just as Mr Blair has the advantage of being younger than Mr Major. In the election of 2001 the newest voters will have been born in 1983. Mr Hague is regarded as an exceptionally able minister by his Cabinet colleagues, particularly by Mr Major. Three of the last four Tory leaders have been the preferred candidate of the outgoing leader. Mr Hague is also on the right of the party, and the Tories are already moving in that direction.

Mr Blair has already had a look at electoral reform as a way of making sure of the 2001 election. In theory, that could be attractive. There are no great ideological differences between new Labour and the Liberal Democrats, and there is no personal antagonism between Mr Blair and Paddy Ashdown, such as ruined the Liberal-Social Democrat Alliance in the 1980s. But from Mr Blair's point of view, proportional representation has one overwhelming disadvantage. It would certainly split the Labour Party, but it could not be relied on to split the Conservatives, particularly in Opposition. Admittedly, a united Lib-Lab alliance fighting under proportional representation would almost certainly stop the Tories getting the 50 per cent of the vote they would then need to win. But a squabbling three-party left-wing alliance made up of parties representing old Labour, new Labour and the Liberal Democrats, would not necessarily be successful. Mr Blair's power depends on new Labour controlling a united Labour Party. He cannot afford to risk losing that.

Mr Blair will inherit the economic benefits of the 18 Tory years, though his election propaganda will dispute them. If one takes the Group of Seven countries (the United States, Canada, Japan, France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom), the UK was seventh in the growth of manufacturing productivity in the pre-Conservative period 1973-1979, and sixth in the growth of productivity of capital. During the Conservative period 1979-1994, the UK has risen to second and first place in these league tables.

Changes in productivity are the most important indicators of real economic change. By these indicators, the United Kingdom had the worst record of the mature industrial countries in the years before 1979, and has had the best since then. That is the real measure of the success of the Thatcher revolution. We went from bottom to top.

Public expenditure in Britain has not been perfectly controlled in that period, but it has been much better controlled than in France or Germany. "The ratio of government expenditure to national output in Britain is now almost 8 per cent lower than in Germany, and almost 15 per cent lower than in France," as Professor Tim Congdon has recently reported. Part of this improvement in productivity, both of labour and capital, reflects the higher productivity which followed privatisation. Apart from the National Health Service, 1,867,000 people were working in public corporations in 1981, but that had fallen to 442,000 by 1995. Without these Thatcherite reforms, the British economy would by now be a complete disaster.

In 1964, when Harold Wilson came to power, the Labour Party saw its problem as being how to raise Britain's growth rate to the European level. It failed to do so, but within six years Labour was turned out. Mr Blair is likely to see the problem more in terms of the Asian economies than the European, since Europe has itself become a low-growth, high-unemployment region. If Mr Blair cannot help the British economy to become more dynamic and competitive, and cannot continue the established growth of productivity, he will be another one-parliament prime minister.

Yet the Asian formula is not an easy one for Labour to follow. In all the successful Asian economies, growth has depended on low costs, low taxation, a low government overhead, light regulation and the encouragement of local entrepreneurs. That is the Hong Kong formula — it was the Thatcher approach — but it is the opposite to the traditional Labour policy, and is now the opposite of European policy as well, with France and Germany being such high-cost countries. Even Gordon Brown, who does understand the need for controlling expenditure, does not seem to realise what a dynamic competitive policy would mean.

One can already predict that the Tories, if they do suffer an election defeat, will be returning to these competitive policies. The next Conservative leader, whoever it may be, will in competitive terms be a Thatcher II. Where John Major has been a cautious consolidator, the next leader will have to be an unqualified advocate of the dynamic, competitive, low-tax economy. If one takes a line through what is being said by Chris Patten, John Redwood or William Hague, one can see how the Opposition themes would be likely to develop. In government, and near the end of a very long and now tired administration, it may be hard for the Tories to make this argument, but in Opposition it will come in full flood. One does not have to worry about the next Tory leader; no one who cannot articulate this theme is going to be chosen.

Mr Blair faces the prospect of two challenges: the real challenge of government and the political challenge of a Conservative revival. Both require him to make international competitiveness and growth the prime objectives for Britain. But that means doing things his own party will not like. He will have to cut the cost and benefits of the welfare state. He will have to cut taxes, and particularly taxes on savings and capital. He will have to "downsize" the State and raise the level of productivity of state services. But can he really be the Hong Kong prime minister of a Westminster Labour government?

If he can, he has a historic opportunity. If by the year 2000, five million people have been taken right out of income tax, and the top marginal rate has been cut to 33 per cent; if Britain's maintainable growth rate has risen from around 2.3 to around 3 per cent; if Britain has raised its share of exports to Asia; if public expenditure as a percentage of gross domestic product has been brought well below 40 per cent; if savings have risen by a third; if unemployment has fallen to the American level — *then* there could be a second Labour landslide in 2001. But one must remember that the chief obstacles to all these hopes lie in the Labour Party itself, and particularly in old Labour, which is the real dragon Tony Blair has to slay.

Of books there is no end

Derwent May does not believe in the literary apocalypse

A year or two ago I was at a publishers' conference where George Steiner was giving the star lecture. His subject was the death of the book, and he unfolded one of his usual sparkling visions of cultural history. The epoch of the book, he declared, began when St Ambrose was hailed by St Augustine as "the first man who could read without moving his lips", and it died when Western culture began to collapse in the barbarism of 1914-18.

The publishers rose to their feet to applaud him. Then they turned to the next item on the agenda: "Book Piracy". Speaker after speaker got up to complain of the millions of books that were being printed in Japan and other Asian countries without a penny returning to the coffers of the original publishers. Not one of them appeared to notice the giant contradiction between the thesis they had been cheering and what they were saying now.

The Times Literary Supplement had a special section last week on "Information Technology", in which the future of the book was raised again. Of course, dramatic things are happening to the book. Existing books are being transferred wholesale onto the screen. A Cambridge firm, Chadwyck-Healey, has put practically the whole corpus of English poetry onto CD-Rom at £25,000 a shot, followed by the works of Goethe in 143 volumes for £3,950, and they are finding plenty of takers among the world's libraries.

The new British Library itself, among all its other tribulations, is having to consider how to meet the swelling claims of such items, as part of its collections. In fact, cynics have been saying that it is typical of such great institutions to come to fruition just when their original purpose is being superseded.

However, when Don Fowler of Jesus College, Oxford, considers in the *TLS* what immediate effect that kind of transfer of books to screen might have on their present form, he comes up with little more than the disappearances of indexes (because it will be easy to scan the text for what one wants by calling up a few relevant words). Fowler regards even this as a loss — for "the great enterprises for categorising the productions of humanity" in the past, from the French *Encyclopédie* to the Library of Congress catalogue, were all so fascinating to browse through and so beautiful.

But will new writing, eventually, appear exclusively in screen form? And what effect that will that have on it? Will the new forms even consist of writing? Fowler notes that with the increasing scope for "virtual reality" on our screens, some people wonder if the old Platonic dream of getting rid of signs — that is to say, in this context, words — and seeing reality direct, might at last come about.

Fowler dismisses that possibility, too. Words are too rich and subtle in their potential to be so easily dispensed with in favour of pictures. I remember that in the days of the BBC literary magazine, *The Listener*, when the 20-minute talk was going out of fashion on the radio, we tried very hard to make good articles out of TV documentaries. It never worked. They were thin, unnourishing gruel, like strings of captions, and showed up what an illusion it was to suppose that TV documentaries had much enlightenment to offer, compared with what the written word could do.

One of the claims of those who believe in the importance of the World Wide Web of information on the screen is that it encourages (the fashionable new word) "interactivity". That really means no more than the viewer himself doing something, rather than just simply taking information in. He can "surf" around, or even add his own comments. But another *TLS* contributor, Nigel Shardlow (also from Jesus College, a veritable hotbed of IT), says that at present, at least, this amounts to little more than the punter going round like a dog lifting its leg and leaving its trademark for the other dogs "surfing the web".

George Steiner returns to the theme in the May issue of *Prospect*, now predicting not just the death of the book but "the death of literature". He quotes the "brilliant Marxian observation" that there was no chamber music before there were chambers — in other words that "very specific spatial conditions" determine what kind of art evolves. Now he thinks that the imminent arrival of a "small-scale, portable, total display computer" will have similar enormous influence on the kinds of things "writers" and "artists" (if they are still applicable words) will do, and on our means of reading or seeing them.

But I will quote Professor Steiner's "spatial" argument back at him. I flew to Miami the other week, and the passengers all had tiny screens on the seats in front, showing films. I saw the new Woody Allen film, before it was released here. Later, I saw the reviews praised the "wonderful detail". You could have fooled me. It was a ghastly experience — and practically everyone on the plane soon gave up the strain of watching. What all of us went back to was the pleasures of what the IT people call "linearity, demarcation and fixity". In other words — our books.

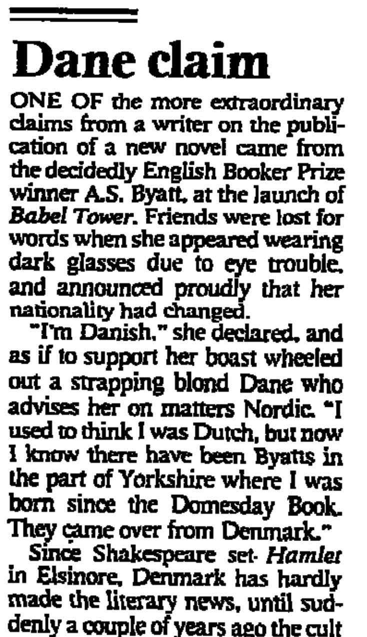
No footsteps

EVEN in William Blake's darkest moments he could hardly have dreamt it would come to this. The poet's classic hymn *Jerusalem*, which schoolboys, rugger players and the WI sing lustily at every opportunity, has been banned from a memorial service at St Margaret's, Westminster, because it is deemed politically incorrect.

Canon Donald Gray, the Speaker's chaplain, who leads MPs at prayer, has informed peers organising next month's memorial service for the late Baroness Faithfull that *Jerusalem* is not acceptable. The baroness was a big wheel in children's welfare, and it was felt she would have appreciated the hymn.

Canon Gray refused yesterday to discuss the matter over the telephone, but I am reliably informed that he was asked if it could be included in the service. Despite repeated representations, he insisted that *Jerusalem* was unsuitable on both doctrinal and social grounds: because "those feet" never did walk here, and because the "green and pleasant land" smacks of privilege. Mr Gray's decision comes just weeks after the Church of Scotland decided to exclude *Jerusalem* from its new hymnbook on the grounds that it wasn't suitable for the present age. Tosh!

● *There's some grisly stuff on the Internet these days. The Democratic Unionist Party has opened up a site on the World Wide Web. The accompanying picture features the mighty form of the Rev Ian Paisley, wearing shorts and T-shirt straddling a surfboard. Not for the faint-hearted.*



"It's the latest housing benefit scam"

Dane claim

ONE OF the more extraordinary claims from a writer on the publication of a new novel came from the decidedly English Booker Prize winner A.S. Byatt, at the launch of *Babel Tower*. Friends were lost for words when she appeared wearing dark glasses due to eye trouble, and announced proudly that her nationality had changed.

"I'm Danish," she declared, and as if to support her boast wheeled out a strapping blond Dane who advises her on matters Nordic. "I used to think I was Dutch, but now I know there have been Byatts in the part of Yorkshire where I was born since the Domesday Book. They came over from Denmark."

Since Shakespeare set *Hamlet* in Elsinore, Denmark has hardly made the literary news, until suddenly a couple of years ago the cult novelist Peter Høeg appeared on bestseller lists worldwide with *Miss Smilla's Feeling for Snow*. Can Byatt really be jumping on the bandwagon?

THE TIMES DIARY

● *Congratulations to Raymond Seitz, the Anglophile former US Ambassador to London, whose daughter Helen is to marry. She and her fiancé, Steven Louis, are an aspiring Hollywood screenwriting double-act, and she has recently been reading scipts for Steven Spielberg. "If they can do that job together and still get married I admire them," says Seitz Snr.*

Black label

WALKING the fairways with Nick Faldo is one thing, but my advice is to take cover when Will Carling is on the tee. One poor chap admiring the rugger player's swing was nursing a golfball-sized bump on his head last night after catching one of Carling's slices.

The ill-starred spectator came a cropper at a course in Thame, Oxfordshire, when the skipper's shot came hurtling across from the ninth. He fell to the ground, bloodied, and retired hurt to his home muttering: "The blighter should stick to rugby."

Mood music

JEFFREY ARCHER doesn't miss a trick. I spotted the scribbling peer yesterday in Westminster gamely trying to catch the eye of Jacques Chirac. He was flaunting a vulgar tie, featuring cartoon cows on a blue field.

"I bought it especially because of the BSE crisis," he said. "It's covered in large black-and-white cows, and one of them is sticking its tongue out." Not at the President, surely?

Multi-faceted

A BIG BREAK for a scion of the Asprey jewellers family comes in a dubious new development in TV advertising. He stars in ads for Seat, the car-maker, which take the form of a soap-opera: each time an advertisement is shown on Saturday nights, the story is developed.

The aspirant young Asprey: tied up in knots

George Asprey eschewed a career in the family firm to go into acting, after a disastrous spell in the army and a miserable time at business school. "This is the last thing I would have expected to end up doing. At school I was only ever in one play, and that was because I liked the look of a girl who was in it."

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CHANGE FOR THE ROCK

A weary Gibraltar now needs a new Government

After an acrid and quarrelsome election campaign, a few thousand British citizens will today vote for a new Government. They live on a controversial fleck of land — Gibraltar — where the Iberian Peninsula confronts the Atlas Mountains, and to which Britain has held lawful title since the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht. This colony, for whose recovery Spain has never ceased to plot, is home to a people who lead difficult lives in the shadow of their "foe".

In recent times, especially since the prickly Joe Bossano was re-elected as Chief Minister in 1992, the life of the ordinary Gibraltarian has become still more straitened than before, with pressure on the Rock now coming as much from London as from Madrid. This isolation has done Gibraltar nothing but harm, wounding the morale of its people and the confidence of foreign investors. So much so that the time has come, we believe, for change in Gibraltar: a change not just in Government, but also in the Rock's philosophy. Mr Bossano, who has ruled the colony since 1988 — always with panache, not always with wisdom — must now make way for a Government with fresh ideas.

The Gibraltar Social Democrats (GSD), who aim today to topple Mr Bossano, appear to have those fresh ideas. Peter Caruana, their leader, may be an ungainly orator, lacking in the demotic touch that has stood his veteran rival in such good stead. But he has at least a vision for the future with which all pragmatic Gibraltarians should be comfortable; and in Peter Montegriffo, his deputy, the GSD have a man of substance who will one day make as fine a Chief Minister for the colony as Sir Joshua Hassan once did. Mr Bossano, on the other hand, is likely to take Gibraltar nowhere but into a fresh mire of conflict.

History may judge him less harshly, but his legacy has not been an altogether propitious one for Gibraltar. Of course "the patronising men in the Foreign Office" — to use Mr Bossano's own, quite accurate words — have done everything to ensure that this proud man's nationalism bubbles and fizzes to overflowing; and of course the Spanish Government, whose attitude to Gibraltar can be described only as disreputable, has made certain that the colony's Hispanophobia remains resolute. But Mr Bossano has erred in his responses: his devil-may-care retreat into "fortress Gibraltar" was ill-advised, and his attempt to use the contraband question as a bargaining chip was inexcusable.

Contrary to Mr Bossano's accusations, the GSD is not a party of *palomos* — the word on the Rock for quislings — who are "soft on Spain". As Mr Caruana and his colleagues have consistently made clear, Gibraltar's sovereignty is not negotiable for them either. What they commend to Gibraltar's voters, and what Mr Bossano so scorns, is open-minded dialogue with Spain and Britain for the sake of Gibraltar's future stability and prosperity. That, surely, must be the right way forward. Gibraltar is British, of course: but it must also be flexible.

LABOUR'S MISSION

Before solving the underclass problem it has to solve its own

Whenever one strain of politics holds sway in a country for many years, it allows unintended social consequences to build up which the party in power is often ill-equipped to tackle. So it is that the legacy of the highly welcome social and economic mobility that was liberated by Thatcherism has been a sizeable urban underclass of mainly young, unskilled people whose only mobility is downward. Many have parents who have never experienced work: the danger is that, as in America, this generation and its successors will become cut off from employment and the rest of society. They will then have a choice of living on benefits or, more profitably, the proceeds of crime.

Building bridges between the underclass and the employed is the only way of breaking the cycle of dependence. Labour has identified the rescue of what it calls "the lost generation" as its primary task of government. If successful, the benefits would be felt by the rest of society in higher employment, lower crime and a lessening of the unease felt by many with a social conscience. Just as raising aspirations for the talented working classes was the perfect goal of Thatcherism, bringing the less fortunate into jobs, education and training could be the great task for Tony Blair.

This policy was launched yesterday by the Labour leader flanked by four of his Shadow Cabinet colleagues. Financed by the windfall tax on utilities and money currently spent on the Youth Training Scheme, it would offer unemployed 18 to 25-year-olds the choice between full-time education, voluntary work, a place on an environmental task force or a subsidised job. All options would include at least one day a week of training leading to a recognised qualification.

This plan has a number of Blairite strands. It contains his emphasis on duty. The unemployed would be expected to better themselves in return for benefit; staying at home would not be an option. It has two communitarian elements: in the voluntary work initiative and the task force, which would set young people to work at cleaning up vandalism and graffiti. This, in turn, is intended to give them a stake in keeping their estates law-abiding. And finally, there is the supply-side aim of achieving higher economic growth by improving skills.

The launch, however, has been overshadowed by reports of infighting between Mr Blair's lieutenants. On the platform yesterday, the smiles were horribly fixed and Gordon Brown nodded vehemently throughout. But the show of unity could not disguise the personal tensions that have been springing so frequently into the open.

These tensions are partly the result of the frustration felt by men who have spent all their political lives in opposition. They have too little to do now, particularly as the Tories have virtually shut down parliamentary business. As the prospect of power comes tantalisingly close, the impotence of shadow ministers seems all the harder to bear. Their arguments are surprisingly unideological, which in one way makes them less damaging than those of the Tories. But the fact that they are so driven by personal animosities exposes how immature many of Labour's senior politicians are.

Would these men grow more substantial in Government? Would the petty jealousies subside as they had departments to run and official machinery to damp down disputes? A Blair government need not be riven by the rivalries that so clouded Harold Wilson's years. But it might be. At the moment, Mr Blair — the youngest member of his Shadow Cabinet — looks by far the most mature.

CRY, NIGERIA

An appeal from Ogoni prisoners that must be heard

Nigeria's military leaders yesterday denounced the desperate appeal for international assistance by 19 Ogoni detainees, smuggled from the filth of their Port Harcourt jail, as a "campaign of calumny". The riposte to the report in *The Times* yesterday is contemptible and manifestly untrue; throughout Nigeria, there is well-attested evidence that prison conditions are not only appalling but calculatedly so, and Port Harcourt ranks in the lowest circles of these places of the damned. This group of prisoners, arrested in May 1994, has already lost one of its number; Clement Tusima died last August of untreated diabetes. Their account of disease, malnutrition and denial of every human dignity has the stamp of truth. Their fear of suffering the same fate as Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others, hanged last November after a trial which made a mockery of justice, is all too well-founded.

Yet to have elicited any official riposte at all must be counted an achievement. It is more than either Britain or the Commonwealth has managed. General Sani Abacha fears only sticks and stones and gives not a damn for the Commonwealth, because he expects its members to go little further by way of sanctions than the minor irritants so far imposed. The Commonwealth group of foreign ministers mandated to open a "dialogue" with Nigeria has not set foot in Abuja because General Abacha refuses even to meet them. Last month, they gave up trying for an audience.

Shell, however, is a different matter. It produces half of Nigeria's oil, which provides 90 per cent of Nigeria's export earnings and a similar proportion of the pilfered spoils that successive Nigerian dictators and their cronies have banked around the world. The letter from the Ogoni 19 reached Europe just before Shell's annual general meeting. Hence the crass attempt to rebut it.

So long as America continues to buy half Nigeria's output and no ban is imposed on inward investment or sales of oil equipment, Shell has no incentive to get out of Nigeria. Pressure on the company has had some effect; yesterday, Shell promised a clean-up of the oil-polluted Ogoni lands in the Niger Delta. Disgracefully, however, Shell came close to endorsing the long detention of the 19, saying that Nigeria had a duty to investigate the murders of the Ogoni elders of which they are accused and that "no one has the right to oppose due legal process". At the very least, Shell should have called for their humane treatment and fair trial.

Nelson Mandela, the leader that Nigeria's military would find hardest to ignore, called for tough measures, including an American ban on imports of Nigerian oil, after Mr Saro-Wiwa's hanging last November. His ardour for tough measures cooled when no African country joined him and he met opposition at home. But the tide is turning again, at home and abroad. Urged to act by prominent Nigerian intellectuals and by US organisations such as Trans-Africa, the anti-apartheid black movement, Mr Mandela is now prepared to travel in person to Nigeria if there is any chance of success.

That is morally the right decision. Nigeria's political prisoners include men such as General Obasanjo, who worked tirelessly for Mr Mandela's own release. It would also be a mark of South Africa's political coming of age. But he needs international backing. Britain should seek a UN-imposed freeze on the ruling clique's overseas assets; if that does not persuade, the ultimate sanction of an oil embargo should be kept firmly in view.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Security problems of a larger Nato

From Sir John Killick

Sir, While there is much in your leader, "Prophets of Prague" (May 14), with which I would agree, I do not agree with the arguments for and against the enlargement of Nato. Certainly all independent nations have the right to choose their own foreign and defence policies, but that does not give them any kind of "right" to be accepted without question as members of any organisation of their choice.

The newly independent countries of Eastern Europe have a right to recognition of their security concerns, which, let us be frank, arise from even Yeltsin's Russia, let alone what may follow next month's presidential election in that country. But I see compelling arguments against admitting them to Nato. The first is that Nato has worked and will only work by consensus. Inevitably, the larger the membership, the more difficult it will be for the Alliance to agree on anything.

Secondly, by extending the guarantee in Article 5 of the Atlantic Treaty we shall be making ourselves hostage to the external policies and behaviour of the new members vis-à-vis Russia and other possible threats to the East. Furthermore, there are many latent and unresolved disputes between and among them, which membership of Nato will do no more to contain and resolve than it has those between Greece and Turkey. Nato has lived with the latter, but with difficulty and severe practical disadvantage.

To have to contend with more would be a serious weakening of the Alliance. It may sound dog-in-the-mangerish to say it, but Article 10 of the Atlantic Treaty provides for the admission of new members "in a position . . . to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area". Enlargement would surely contribute to our insecurity — and that would not help the new members either.

Finally, I of course reject any suggestion that Russia should have any right of veto over our policies, but I have real understanding for Russian reactions to the extension of Nato up to what used to be Soviet borders. The idea that Moscow should view Nato enlargement as of benefit to Russian security through its contribution to European security generally is cloud-cuckoo-land. Did not President Clinton once strongly reject any idea of establishing a new dividing line in Europe further to the East? It is unrealistic and unreasonable to expect any Russian to see it any differently.

There are other ways of doing something for the East Europeans and the Balts — by encouraging them to establish sub-regional mutual assistance pacts with which Nato could more easily work through Partnership for Peace than with a multitude of individual countries, as at present.

I devoutly hope it may yet be possible to change course, even at the cost of appearing to climb down in face of Russian pressure. Saving face is no argument for continuing with foolishness, and the foolishness is starkly underlined by Nato's public commitment to enlargement before mounting a study on "why and how".

Common sense surely dictates that you should work out why you propose to do something before you announce that you are going to do it. I find what the study says unconvincing, and the suspicion inevitably arises that it was an exercise in ex post facto justification of a predetermined conclusion.

Yours truly,
JOHN KILLICK
(Ambassador to USSR, 1971-73;
Permanent Representative to Nato,
1975-79),
Challoner's Cottage,
2 Birchwood Avenue,
Southborough, Kent.
May 14.

Dying with dignity

From Dr Peter McCullagh

Sir, Letters from Dr Christopher Burns-Cox and Dr Helen Cosgrove (May 10) seek to contradict the propositions in a letter from Dr Margaret White (May 3) that patients in the "persistent vegetative state" are at rest but likely to experience thirst following fluid withdrawal.

Dr Cosgrove points out that, as such patients cannot express themselves, we cannot know whether they are experiencing pain, whilst Dr Burns-Cox contends that there is no evidence that they can experience thirst. Surely the former's point is an appropriate rejoinder to the latter's contention.

"Vegetative state" patients cannot describe thirst. However, an extensive body of published evidence, derived from both animal studies and from patients with specific loss of thirst sensation alone, indicates that this sensation is influenced by parts of the brain that can continue to function despite the "vegetative state".

Animal research has also shown that keeping the mouth moist has no more influence on thirst sensation than an oasis mirage has for a traveller lost in the desert.

Yours etc,
PETER McCULLAGH,
The John Curtin School of
Medical Research,
Division of Molecular Medicine,
PO Box 334,
Canberra City, ACT 2601.
May 14.

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Seeking a role worthy of 'London's unknown palace'

From Dr Dennis Farr

Sir, Of course Giles Worsley is right to deplore the continuing use of the splendid courtyard of Somerset House as a civil servants' car park ("London's unknown palace", May 11).

When we moved into the Fine Rooms in March 1990 (not "ten days ago") we had hoped that the decision of the then Secretary of State for the Environment (Michael Heseltine) to move the remaining Inland Revenue and Probate Division staff out of the other parts of Somerset House would have been accomplished before the new millennium, and lobbied hard for this to happen.

Ambitious schemes were drawn up for the use of the vacated office space by arts organisations, and for a grand new exhibition area in the south block vaults. Just how well these vaults can be adapted to new use may be seen in the way the Courtauld's libraries have been housed in the north block.

A high-powered and well-endowed trust is essential; so too, is government support. A carefully planned project should attract the financial help of the Millennium Fund. What could be a more suitable cause than the rejuvenation of one of London's finest neoclassical buildings?

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS FARR
(Director, Courtauld Institute
Galleries, 1980-93),
Orchard Hill,
Swan Barn Road, Haslemere, Surrey.
May 11.

From Sir Peter Thorne

Sir, Giles Worsley's proposals for Somerset House are excellent as far as they go, but they mainly deal with the splendours of the courtyard. They only touch on the river front and do not mention the fact that virtually the whole of one of the greatest facades in northern Europe is screened from the public by the trees planted along the Embankment.

Sir William Chambers designed Somerset House to rise out of the river — as do Sir Charles Barry's Houses of Parliament — and contemporary pictures show how magnificent it was, until the Embankment was built in the last century and lined with two rows of trees, as was the practice with other sections of the Embankment.

By that time architectural fashions had changed, and few would have cared about trees masking the front of a building which was not to Victorian taste. It is obviously impossible to do away with the Embankment; but the greater part of the river facade would again become visible if the trees were removed, and Somerset House floodlit would look superb.

Yours faithfully,
PETER THORNE,
23 Rostrevor Road, SW6.
May 13.

From Dr J. D. Pickles

Sir, Giles Worsley rightly draws our attention to the merits of Somerset House. Underused and overlooked it is indeed, but not by those who during ordinary office hours are there allowed to consult the nation's probate records since 1858. Whether they be sharp-suited lads from the law offices, down-at-heel historians, or amateur genealogists, they are well and cheerfully looked after and enjoy a speedy service.

Mr Worsley thinks that wills "could happily be moved elsewhere" while the space is devoted to grander collections. But probate people, hooked on the sight of real paper (no microfilms to squint at here), have no wish to be exiled to some suburb, and deprived of so inexpensive, convenient and useful a resource in town.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PICKLES (Librarian,
Cambridge Antiquarian Society),
University of Cambridge,
University Registry,
The Old Schools, Cambridge.
May 14.

From Mr Benedict Birnberg

Sir, I support Giles Worsley's plea for the reclamation of Somerset House as one of London's glories. As to its possible future use, apart that is from the Courtauld wing, London needs and deserves a central information bureau for its resident, working and visiting public alike. And what better venue could there be for the official residence of the capital's projected mayor?

Yours faithfully,
BENEDICT BIRNBERG,
4 Eliot Place, Blackheath, SE3.
May 11.

Dealing with bombs

From Lieutenant-Colonel K. A. Moules

Sir, I was concerned to read your report of May 14 about the teacher who, in a misguided effort to stimulate her pupils' imaginations, played a bomb hoax on them. Several important issues are raised by the actions she then took.

Firstly, the correct action to be taken if a credible bomb threat occurs is to evacuate the immediate area and contact the police. Any search required will be arranged by the police, using specialist police or Army search teams if required. Any delay in evacuating the area by using the general public, never mind young children, to carry out such a search is absolutely out of the question.

Secondly, the report may have implied that, by carrying the hoax bomb outside, and "handling it as if it were a real bomb", the teacher took the correct action. The only actions required of any person finding a bomb, suspected or confirmed, are to evacuate the area around the device and call for police assistance. Bomb disposal support will be tasked through the relevant police authority. There are no circumstances whatsoever under which a member of the general public should handle or even touch a package they suspect could be a bomb.

Finally, I implore all to leave education on such matters to the experts. In support of the police, army ammunition technical officers conduct a large number of informative presentations to a wide range of audiences every year. These complement the excellent Home Office publication, *Bombs — Protecting People and Property*.

Yours etc,
K. A. MOULES,
Ministry of Defence,
Whitehall, SW1.
May 14.

Gun control

From Mr A. D. Phillips

Sir, I write on behalf of a small independent group which advises on firearms legislation. It is surely self-evident that the drafting of sensible and effective law demands reliable information. Lord Cullen's Dunblane inquiry has been set up to provide just such information in this context.

The Home Secretary is holding firm to his view that any legislative changes must be guided by the outcome of that inquiry. In sharing this view, and thereby refraining from taking a position on an issue which may well affect them seriously (and, without doubt, financially), those who enjoy shooting as a sport and a recreation have shown integrity of a high degree.

By contrast, Labour's proposals for legislation without waiting for Lord Cullen's conclusions (report, May 13) does that party no credit — nor, indeed, does its call for a ban on weapons which are already banned (automatic firearms have been in the "prohibited" category since 1936).

Yours faithfully,
A. D. PHILLIPS,
Office of Legislative Affairs,
Newton Hall, Newton, Cambridge.
May 13.

Their lordships

From Mr John J. S. Farmer

Sir, The present House of Lords (letters, May 1 and 7) is the only second chamber I know of which contains:

1. A signficant number of members below the age of 35 or, at the other end of the scale, over 80.
2. Members from time to time who have experienced UK prisons from the inside and the whole system of criminal aftercare as currently administered.
3. Members so disabled from birth or by illness that they would be extremely unlikely to be able to campaign successfully for admittance to any elected chamber or to gain sufficient prominence in their careers to achieve appointment by patronage.

I believe the presence of members of the House of Lords within the above three categories is valuable to our constitution.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FARMER,
The Rosery,
136 Roehampton Vale, SW15.
May 7.

Church archaeology

From Mr David Llewellyn

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr C. H. F. Blake (May 2; see also letters, May 6), is lucky with the present system. His church has only had to find £1,600 from nowhere to pay for what the parishioners did not want.

It seems that some or all church architects, rural deans, archdeacons, etc, have the authority to delay work (thereby adding to costs), demand extra works, and sometimes charge fees for these "services", whilst the unfortunate churchwardens have the responsibility of extracting the costs from hard-up parishioners. No commercial concern could survive with this management system.

I am sure the individuals concerned act with the best of intentions within their remits, but the bureaucracy of the Church of England needs radical overhaul.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LLEWELLYN,
Coopers Cottage,
Chiddingly, East Sussex.
May 7.

The Auld Alliance

From Mr Ewen Mackenzie-Bowie

Sir, It was of course James IV who died at Flodden, not his son James V (leading article, May 14). It is also wrong to conclude that by virtue of our long liaison with the French the Scots are a fickle nation. For 700 years we have been entirely consistent in uniting with the French against a common enemy.

Nevertheless I am happy to acknowledge that English hospitality has improved over the centuries; witness my warm welcome here in Manchester, where the Auld Alliance prospers in Ferguson and Cantona.

Yours faithfully,
EWEN MACKENZIE-BOWIE,
Ivycot,
21 Hawthorn Avenue,
Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire.
May 14.

Please hold . . .

From Mr Harry Cooksley

Sir, I share Mr Alexander Murray's anger (letter, May 13) at telephone queueing systems.

My advice is to put the telephone down and either fax or post a letter, a solution that will probably prove cheaper and is more likely to produce a result. This will cost the company more to reply and will, perhaps, convince them to employ more telephonists and inquiry desks.

Yours sincerely,
HARRY COOKSLEY,
Church Farm House,
Wickham Way, East Brent, Somerset.
May 13.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Art restoration

From the Director of ArtWatch UK

Sir, This organisation is attacked by Simon Jenkins ("Restoring the Renaissance", May 11) pre-emptively, for criticisms which it *might make* on the latest Vatican restoration.

Attacks on restorations are said to be healthy and to prevent bad restoration work on the one hand, and to be redundant — because all restorations today are good — on the other. Similarly, it is acknowledged to be right to observe that *all* restorers alter paintings "in their own image" but "facile" to suggest that those employed by the National Gallery do so.

In support of this last point, Mr Jenkins cites the BBC film on the National Gallery's cleaning and repainting of Holbein's *The Ambassadors*. It is implied that this film — which struck many critics as too transparently propagandistic — showed restorers steeped in "a craftsmanship of respect" and "a study in humility". These very same restorers disclosed in a 1991 joint BBC/National Gallery film (*The Much Loved Friend?*) their distinctly flippant and disrespectful inclination to laugh at and to mock the things they "don't think terribly good" in the paintings they work on.

ArtWatch is not alone in condemning the National Gallery. Its restorations are a byword for intrusive, aesthetically and physically injurious intervention both within the restoration profession and throughout the museum world.

For instance, the distinguished French historian and former curator at the Louvre, René Huyghe, spoke two years ago of the "disastrous effects" produced by the National Gallery's "drastic cleanings which give the works a modernistic aspect that is entirely wrong in terms of historical accuracy".

A senior curator of the Metropolitan Museum, New York, has similarly condemned the "strident tones" produced by "the exuberant cleaning of paint surfaces for which the National Gallery has unfortunately become famous".

Ségolène Bergeon, former head of the French national school of restoration and chairman of the international conservation centre in Rome, has reported that when there is direct contact between paint films and cleaning solvents, the former is "always damaged by leaching". This damage, she has stated, "is at its maximum when the varnish is totally removed", as it customarily is at the National Gallery.

Simon Jenkins rightly observes that paintings are not archaeological objects. But, then, neither are they playgrounds.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL DALEY,
Director, ArtWatch UK,
15 Capel Road,
East Barnet, Hertfordshire.
May 12.

Hobbit forming

From Mr John Rowe Townsend

Sir, In the current issue of *Writers' Monthly*, a magazine for aspiring writers, an article by its editor on the novelist (and my partner) Jill Paton Walsh says that she studied at Oxford under the wings of J. R. Artol Keen and C. S. Lewis.

It is good to see belated acknowledgment of the inspirational qualities of the long-neglected Artol Keen. Perhaps we may now hear of the beneficial impact on their contemporaries and successors of other little-known luminaries such as, in their different fields, Ira Smurdock, Cray Grain and Denny Spotter.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN ROWE TOWNSEND,
72 Water Lane,
Histon, Cambridge.
May 13.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 15: The President of the French Republic this morning visited No 10 Downing Street for talks with the Prime Minister.

The President and Madame Jacques Chirac later visited the Palace of Westminster and were received by the Lord Great Chamberlain (the Marquess of Cholmondeley) and the Prime Minister (the Rt Hon John Major MP).

Afterwards, having been conducted to the Dais by the Lord Chancellor (the Lord Mackay of Clashfern) and the Speaker (the Rt Hon Betty Boothroyd), His Excellency addressed the Members of both Houses of Parliament in the Royal Gallery.

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

The President of the French Republic later visited the Bank of England and, having been received by the Governor (Mr Eddie George), had talks with financial and business leaders.

The President afterwards attended a Luncheon at Guildhall given by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor.

The Duke of Kent was present.

The President of the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac this afternoon visited the Institut Français and the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle, Queensberry Place, London SW7, and were received by the Ambassador of the French Republic (His Excellency Monsieur Jean Gueginou).

The President and Madame Jacques Chirac attended the reopening of the Institut followed by a reception.

This evening The President of the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac were entertained to Dinner at Hampton Court Palace by the Prime Minister on behalf of Her Majesty's Government.

Afterwards The President of the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac watched the Ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Plymouth.

Madame Jacques Chirac this afternoon attended a Reception and Luncheon at Eton College and was received by the Vice Provost (Mr Timothy Card) and the Head Master (Mr John Lewis).

Madame Jacques Chirac later visited Windsor Castle, was received by the Constable and Governor (General Sir Patrick Palmer) and toured the Castle, viewing the fire restoration work.

His Excellency Señor Mario Artaza was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Chile to the Court of St James's.

Señora Artaza was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

The Queen held a Council at 12.40 pm.

There were present: The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Baroness Chalker of Wallasey (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), the Rt Hon William Waldegrave MP (Chief Secretary to the Treasury) and the Rt Hon Gregory Knight MP (Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household).

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member, Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, this morning presented The Prince Philip Award for 1995 and certificates of merit for Research and Development in the field of Dairy Farming at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Colonel, later chaired a meeting of the Regimental Council of the Grenadier Guards at Wellington Barracks, London SW1.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member, this afternoon attended a Luncheon on the occasion of the inauguration of the new Tympanum at the Baltic Exchange, St Mary Axe, London EC3.

His Royal Highness, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, later chaired a meeting of the Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening attended a World Fellowship Dinner at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Twelfth Man, the Lord's Taverners, was represented by Sir Colin Cowdrey at the Memorial Service for Mr John Snagge which was held in All Souls Church, Langham Place, London W1, today.

May 15: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, this evening attended a World Fellowship Dinner at St James's Palace.

May 15: The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, this morning attended the "Developing Occupational Therapy Services in Primary Care" Conference at the Royal College of General Practitioners, Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7.

Her Royal Highness, Honorary Air Commodore, University of London Air Squadron, this afternoon received Wing Commander Peter Dixon upon relinquishing his appointment as Officer Commanding, and Wing Commander Ron[ald] Powell upon assuming the appointment.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, later visited Heythrop College, Kensington Square, London W8, to mark the occasion of the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the signing of Heythrop's Royal Charter.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 15: The Prince of Wales, President, King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, this morning attended the Annual Meeting of the General Council at Cavendish Square, London W1.

His Royal Highness this afternoon received Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge (Chief of the Defence Staff).

The Prince of Wales later held a meeting at St James's Palace to review the progress of the International Hotel Environment Initiative.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Charity Gala at the Italian Embassy, London W1, in aid of the rebuilding of La Fenice Opera House in Venice.

YORK HOUSE

May 15: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this morning attended the International Social Service Spring Fair, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 15: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Dinner given for the John Crown Breast Cancer Trust at Sotheby's, New Bond Street, London W1.

University news

Cambridge

Professor John Parker to be Director of the University Botanic Garden and Professor of Plant Cytogenetics, from September. He is Professor of Botany and Director of the Harris Botanic and Amenity Garden at Reading University.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Helen Fairbrother, left, and Sam Bleby model hats by Nicholas Oakwell with outfits designed by Isabell Kristensen for Ascot next month. The collection includes Sixties-inspired shift dresses worn with box jackets or matching swing coats, feminine corseted suits, and a range of A-line and bell-shaped dresses, also with matching swing coats

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner given by the President of France and Mme Chirac at 11 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8, at 8.30.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, will attend the Royal Lymington Cup at the club at 10.00; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a gala sports night at Guildhall at 7.15.

The Duke of Kent, as member, will attend a reception at the HAC, Armoury House, at noon to mark the recent tree planting; and, as President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, will present the annual awards at the Barbican at 2.15; and will attend a reception at Spinks and Son, King Street, SW1, at 6.45 to mark the launch of the book *Royal Insignia*.

Church news

New bishops

The Rev John Charles Broadhurst, Team Rector of Wood Green with Bounds Green, to the Suffragan See of Fulham.

The Venerable Michael John Colclough, Archdeacon at London House and Priest-in-Charge of St Vedast-alias-Foster, City of London, to the Suffragan See of Kensington.

Canon John Mugabi Sentamu, Vicar of Tulse Hill Holy Trinity and St Mathias (Diocese of Southwark), to the Suffragan See of Stepney.

Lord Jay

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Jay will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Tuesday, July 16. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 16, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SW1P 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from July 5.

Professor Matthew Hodgart

In memory of Professor Matthew Hodgart a public colloquium on *The Ballads, Gibbon and James Joyce* will be held in the Meeting House of the University of Sussex at Falmer, Brighton, on Saturday, June 15, from noon.

Memorial service

Mr John Snagge

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Colin Cowdrey, President of the Lord's Taverners, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr John Snagge, broadcaster, held yesterday at the Church of All Souls, Langham Place.

Prebendary Richard Bewes, officiated, assisted by the Rev Ernest Rea, Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC, and the Rev Cyril E. Harris, of St Giles's, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire. Mr Ralph Snagge, brother, read the lesson. Mr Kenneth Kendall read John Snagge's *The Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II* from the *BBC Book of Royal Memories*, and Colonel Carron Snagge, nephew, read *Autumn Sequel, Canto IV* by Louis MacNeice.

Mr Frank Gillard read the gospel and Mr Leonard Miall gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Ralph Snagge (sister-in-law), Mrs Carron Snagge, Emily Snagge, Henry Snagge, Mr and Mrs George Johnson, Mr Richard Snagge, Mrs Peter Snagge, Mr and Mrs Thomas Snagge, Mr Peter Snagge, Mrs Pamela Fairclough, Mrs Portia Holland and other members of the family.

Mr Michael Green (acting managing director, Network Radio, BBC), with Sir Roger Cary (a consultant to the director-general) and Lady Cary, Mr Peter Baxter (chief producer of Cricket, Radio), Mr Colin Brown (director of corporate affairs, and other past and present members of staff.

Lord Briggs, Sir John and Lady Mills, Mr Ken Lawrence (chairman, The Lord's Taverners), Mr Neil Durden-Smith and Miss Judith Chalmers (president, The Lady Taverners), Mr John Arkell, Major-General Peter Baldwin, Mr Raymond Baxter, Mr Peter Bond, Mr Peter Broughton, Mrs Doris Burgess, Mr John Cain, Mr Roger Clark, Mr James Whitbourn, Mr Peter Donaldson, Professor Michael Foot, Colonel and Mrs Jock French, Mr Eoin Greary, Mr Peter Haig, Mrs John Haig, Mr and Mrs John Haslam, Mr and Mrs Chris Howland, Mr Robert Hudson, Mr and Mrs Nigel Jackaman, Miss E Knowles, Mrs Patricia Khudhairy, Miss Shereen Khudhairy, Mr and Mrs John Lane, Mr and Mrs Keith Mackrell, Mr and Mrs Ian McIntyre, Mrs Leonard Miall, Mr Harry Middleton, Mr and Mrs Robin Neill, Mrs Audrey Parker, Mr and Mrs Brian Perkins, Mr Duncan Rabagliati, Mr Tony Raymont, Mrs Pamela Rickett, Mr Max Robertson, Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mr and Mrs Denys Salt, Mrs Nigel Salisbury, Mrs Betty Stirling, Mr Ian Smith, Captain Anthony Swainson, Mr Godfrey Talbot, Mr and Mrs John Thompson, Mrs Brigid Timothy, Mr and Mrs Maurice Tinniswood, Mr Reg Turnill, Mr S R Weatherly, Miss Patricia Winson and Mr Peter Walsh.

Dinners

Italian Ambassador

The Prince of Wales was the guest of honour at a concert and dinner given by the Italian Ambassador and Signora Galli last night at the embassy in aid of the appeal for funds to rebuild La Fenice theatre, set up by the Venice in Peril Fund. Among those present were:

Ambassador Boris Biancheri, Ambassador and Signora Marco Vianello Chiodo, the Earl and Countess of Harewood, Maria Carmela Viscountess Hambleden, Viscount and Viscountess Norwich, Viscountess Stuart of Findhorn, Lord and Lady Feldman, Lord and Lady Forte, Lady Lever, Rowena Lady Northbrook, Lord and Lady Palumbo, Baroness Rawlings, Lord Sherfield, FRS, Lady Thorneycroft, the Hon Clive and Mrs Gibson, the Hon Sir Steven Runciman, CH, Sir James Colyer-Fergusson, Sir Reresby and Lady Sitwell, Sir Ronald and Lady Arculus, Sir Isaiah and Lady Berlin, Lady Clarke, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Leigh, Sir David and Lady Scholey, Sir Georg and Lady Solti.

Marchese and Marchesa Andrea Cattaneo Della Volta, Contessa Ilaria Borletti, Conte Stefano d'Andrea, Senatore Mario d'Urso, Marchese and Marchesa Bruno d'Avanzo, Conte Gioacchino del Balzo di Presenzano, Baronessa Afdera Franchetti Fonda, Conte Carlo di Robilant, Conte and Contessa Franco Lanza, Conte and Contessa Niccolo Pandolfini, Marchese and Marchesa Ludovico Rangoni-Machiavelli, Principessa Alberica Trivulzio, Mr and Mrs Charles Brocklebank, Mrs Humphrey Brooke.

M Munir Benjenk, Dr and Signora Massimo Carello, Cavaliere del Lavoro Massimo Coen, Signora Donatella Flick, Signora Rosa Fraquelli, Mr and Mrs Paul Griffiths, Mr Manfred Hemm and Miss Amanda Roocroft, Mr Stephen Lamport, Mr David Landau, Mr and Mrs Timothy Llewellyn, Signor and Signora Manfredo Moretti degli Adimari, Professor and Signora Gianfranco Mossetto, Signor and Signora Francesco Palau, Signor and Signora Francesco Redi, Mr James Sherwood and Dr Shirley Sherwood, Mrs Jack Steinberg, Signora Gloria Venturi and Mr and Mrs Shaun Woodward.

Royal Aeronautical Society

Dr John Green, President of the Royal Aeronautical Society, was the host at the annual dinner held last night at the Inter Continental Hotel. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, was the guest of honour and speaker.

Queen Mary and Westfield College

Professor Graham Zellick, Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University, and Sir Christopher France, chairman of council, presided at a guest night dinner held last night at the Mile End Campus for deans and heads of department in the new St Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry to meet their counterparts in the rest of the college.

Luncheons

Corporation of London

The Duke of Kent was present at a luncheon given by the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London yesterday at Guildhall to mark the visit of the President of France to the City of London. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were:

M Hervé de Charette, the French Ambassador, M Gilbert Gantier, M Philippe de Bourgoing, Vice-Amiral d'Escadre Delaunay, M Jean-David Levitte, Mme Catherine Colonna, M Daniel Jouanneau, M Pierre Menat, M Philippe Coste, Colonel Peer de Jong, the Ambassador of the Côte d'Ivoire and Mrs Ahoungbré, the High Commissioner for India, the Ambassador of Morocco and Mrs Haddaoui, the Ambassador of Tunisia and Mrs Lessir, the Ambassador of Spain and Mrs Aza, the Ambassador of Senegal and Mrs Sar, the Ambassador of Japan and Mrs Fujii, the Ambassador of Belgium and Mrs Thuysbaert, the High Commissioner for Cameroon and Mrs Mbei, the Ambassador of Turkey and Mrs Sanberk, the Ambassador of China, the Lord Chamberlain and Countess of Airlie, the Bishop of London and Mrs Chartres, Lord and Lady Camoys, Lord and Lady Swaythling, Lord and Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Lord and Lady Weidenfeld, Lord and Lady Weinstock, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, and Lady Alexander, Lord and Lady Woolf, Lord Tugendhat, Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Lady Mayhew, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, the Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, and Lady Wheeler, Mr Michael Morris, MP, and Dr Ann Morris, the Minister of State for Industry and Energy and Mrs Eggar, the Minister of State for Social Security and Disabled People and Mrs Burt, the Governor of the Bank of England and Mrs George, the Lord Chief Justice, the Hon Ruth Taylor, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, the Chief of the General Staff and Lady Guthrie, Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson, Sir John and Lady Fretwell, Sir Ewen and Lady Fergusson, Sir Christopher Mallaby, Sir Robert and Lady Bellinger, Sir Greville and Lady Spratt, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael and Lady Gray, Sir John and Lady Bourn, General Sir Edward and Lady Jones, Sir John and Lady Leahy, Sir Charles and Lady Powell, the Hon Sir Eustace and Lady Gibbs, Major Sir Shane and Lady Blewitt, Sir Philip and Lady Jones, Sir Colin and Lady Marshall, Sir Alastair Morton, Sir Patrick and Lady Sheehy, Sir Tommy and Lady MacPherson, Sir Samuel Brittan, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Mulcahy, Sir David Simon, Sir Peter and Lady Petrie, Sir David and Lady Scholey, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea, guests, and representatives of organisations with commercial and cultural connections with France, representatives of HM Forces, the civil service, city institutions, aldermen, common councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts.

American Chamber of Commerce (UK)

Sir Brian Goswell, President of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK), was in the chair at a luncheon held yesterday at the Four Seasons hotel in honour of Mr J. Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.L. Crystal
and Miss H.H.B. Seitz

The engagement is announced between Steven Louis, son of Dr and Mrs Raymond F. Crystal, of Short Hills, New Jersey, and Helen Hillary Brewster, daughter of Suzanne M. Barr, of Virginia, and Mr Raymond G.H. Seitz, of London. A September wedding is planned.

Mr G.S. Drayson
and Miss A.F. Kirk

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Drayson, of Dorking, Surrey, and Adrienne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John T. Kirk, of Keene, New Hampshire.

Dr M.C. Edwards
and Miss L.C. Herrmann

Frank and Patricia Herrmann, of Woodham Walter, Essex, are delighted to announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Lucilla Clare, to Mark Christopher, younger son of David and Joan Edwards, of Duffield, Derbyshire.

Mr K.W. Hardardt
and Miss C.A. McConville

The engagement is announced between Kenneth, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Hardardt, of Penticton, British Columbia, and Charmian, daughter of Mr James McConville, of Henley-on-Thames, and Mrs Anthea Manson, of Highclere, Berkshire.

Mr J.D.D. Lee
and Miss S.A. Chaplin

The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Dr and Mrs David C.J. Lee, of Whitchurch-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mrs Carol Chaplin, of Hampstead, London, and the late Mr Slim Chaplin.

Mr L.G. Tanous
and Mrs M. Macdonald

The engagement is announced between Leslie Tanous, of Hurlingham, London SW6, and Maureen Macdonald, of Chichester, Sussex.

Mr A.L. Warsap
and Miss H.C. Stanier

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder twin son of Brigadier and Mrs Alan Warsap, of St Margarets, Herefordshire, and Henrietta, elder daughter of Sir Beville Stanier, Bt, and Lady Stanier, of Whaddon, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr R.C. Bayliss
and Miss A.M. Lidstone

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 11, at All Saints Church, Swallowfield, Berkshire, between Mr Richard Bayliss and Miss Anna Lidstone.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr Julian Lidstone, and was attended by Catherine Jarrold, Louisa Willoughby and Walter Bayliss. Mr James Illingworth was best man.

Mr D.J. Elliott
and Miss R.L. Pitt

The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Mary's Church, High Easter, of Mr David Elliott to Miss Rachel Pitt. The Rev John Hall officiated, assisted by the Rev Graham Bartlam.

The bride was given away by her father and attended by Mrs David Kitchiner, and Rebecca and Hannah Drewry. Mr Mark Seymour was best man.

A reception was held at Garnish Hall and the honeymoon is being spent in Zimbabwe.

Birthdays today

Canon Reginald Askew, former Dean, King's College London, 68; Mrs Rosie Barnes, director, WellBeing, 50; Mr Stuart Bell, MP, 58; Mr Phil Clarke, rugby league player, 25; Sir Colin Cole, former Garter Principal King of Arms, 74; Mr Don Concannon, former MP, 66; Miss Judy Finnigan, broadcaster, 48; Sir Nicholas Goodison, deputy chairman, Lloyds TSB Group, 62; Mr James Hood, MP, 48; Mr Roy Hudd, comedian, 60; Sir Dawda Jawara, former President of The Gambia, 72; Mr Geraint Jones, organist, 79; Mr Christian Lacroix, fashion designer, 45; Major-General Sir Desmond Langley, 66; Professor Peter Levi, poet and archaeologist, 65; Sir David Maclean, MP, 43; Mr John McWilliam, MP, 55; Mr Stephen Maran, chief executive, Lloyds Abbey Life, 56; Professor K.O. Morgan, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, 62; Professor Gareth Roberts, Vice-Chancellor, Sheffield University, 56; Miss Gabriela Sabatini, tennis player, 26; the Right Rev Kenneth Skelton, former Bishop of Lichfield, 78; Mr Nigel Twiston-Davies, racehorse trainer, 39; Mr John Walford, former president, Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, 69; General Sir Antony Walker, 62; Sir Charles Wilson, former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow University, 87; Sir Russell Wood, former Deputy Treasurer to The Queen, 74.

Reception

Lord Mayor of Westminster

After his election at the annual council meeting held last night, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Robert Davis, and the Lady Mayoress, Miss Carole Franco, gave a reception at Westminster Council House.

Service dinner

HMS Frobisher

The April 1946 Cadet Entry to the Training Cruiser, *HMS Frobisher*, marked the Fiftieth Anniversary of first Going to Sea by a Reunion Dinner at the Naval Club, 38 Hill Street, last night. Commander E.M.G. Hewitt presided.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Sell Cotman, landscape painter, Norwich, 1782; Richard Tauber, tenor, Linz, 1892; Henry Fonda, actor, Grand Island, Nebraska, 1905; Woody Herman, musician, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1913; Liberace, pianist, West Allis, Wisconsin, 1919.

DEATHS: Pietro da Cortona, painter and architect, Rome, 1669; Charles Perrault, collector of fairy stories, Paris, 1703; Jean Baptiste Fourier, mathematician, Paris, 1830; Felicia Hemans, poet, Dublin, 1835; Sir Edmund Gosse, critic, London, 1928; William Pember Reeves, New Zealand statesman, London, 1932; Bronislaw Malinowski, anthropologist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1942.

The Kentucky Derby was first run at Louisville, 1875.

The first film Oscars were presented in Los Angeles, 1929.

"Bouncing bombs" invented by Dr Barnes Wallis were dropped on the Mohne and Eder dams in the Ruhr Valley, 1943.

The Russian spacecraft *Venus 5* touched down on Venus, 1969.

Lecture

The Royal Academy of Engineering

Mr Stuart Mustow, CBE, FEng, a Vice President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at a Lecture and Dinner held last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London. The guest speaker was Dr John Miles, Director and Head of Technology, Ove Arup & Partners, who spoke to the title 'Where is the Henry Ford of Housing Systems?'.

Justices' Clerks' Society

The following have been elected officers of the Justices' Clerks' Society for the ensuing year:

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BIRTHS

ASHTON - On May 12th, to Helen (née Brakefield) and Charles, a daughter, Elizabeth Mary, a sister for Charlotte.

BAXTER - On May 14th 1996, at the British Military Hospital, Rinteln, to Victoria (née Jones) and Giles, a wonderful daughter, Alice Daisy, known as Daisy.

BENNEY - On May 7th, to Jane (née Blackmore) and Jonathan, a son, Edward Arthur Sallis, a brother for Georgia.

CARR - On May 12th 1996 in Johannesburg, to Polly (née Harley) and Jamie, a daughter, Candia Jennifer.

COMBEN - On Monday 13th May at Baden Hospital Switzerland, at 5:30, to Monika and Timothy, a daughter, Alexandra Heather Victoria, sister to Dominique.

DUKE - On 6th May 1996, to Christopher and Catherine, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth.

FLACK - On April 7th 1996, to Deirdre Mc Hugh and Andrew Flack a beautiful daughter Emilia Kate at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

FOX-MALE - On May 12th, to Sara and Nick, a son, Jack William, a brother for Kate, Anna and Luke.

HAWKINS-HOUILLER - On May 3rd to Yvonne and Olivier, a son.

JANETOS - On April 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Greg Janetos and Rahel Crowley, a son, Lucas Alexander, a brother for Isabel.

BIRTHS

KLEYN - On May 5th in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Julie (née Blight) and Patrick, a son, Tristan Felix Dominic, a brother for Thomas.

LAMB - On April 29th, to Martin and Jayne (née Bodenham), a fourth lovely daughter, Victoria Ellen, a sister for Charlotte, Rebecca and Georgia.

NYMAN - On 10th May, to Louise (née Cole) and Elisha, a son, Alexander James.

O'GRADY - On May 7th, to Phil and Linda, a son, Oliver James Alyn, a brother for Mark and Alistair.

ROWLAND - On May 8th, to Conrad and Claire, a daughter, Francesca Alice Louise, a sister for Victoria.

SISSON - On 15th May 1996 at the City Hospital, to David and Jo, a beautiful daughter, Hannah Jade.

YOUELL - On May 11th, to Maggie (née Rogers) and Nick, a son, Alexander Edward Knights, a brother for Francesca.

DEATHS

ALBERGA - On 13th May 1996 at Claremont Residential Home, Corsham, Roy Alberga M.B.E. aged 73 years. Funeral Service 2.30pm on Monday 20th May at Corsham Parish Church followed by interment at Box Cemetery. Enquiries to F.W. Jones and Son, 30 Market Place, Chippenham, Wilts. (01249) 652525.

ATTWATER - Richard S. Lieut. Commander R.N., peacefully at Warminster Hospital on 14th May 1996 aged 86. Much loved husband of the late Diana and father of John, Francis and Josephine. Funeral at The Minster at 2 pm on Friday, 24th May. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

BRANNAM - Patricia (née Lewis) peacefully on 15th May, dearly loved wife of Patrick, much loved mother of Richard and Christopher. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Coddington, Cheshire, on Monday 20th May at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, Backford, Chester c/o and enquiries to Dutton and Hallmark Funeral Services, tel: Chester (01244) 310966.

CLARK - Margot (née Jones) peacefully after a long illness on May 6th at The Devonshire Nursing Home, Eastbourne, much loved widow of the late Anthony Litton Edward Ovens Clark of Hinchley Wood, Esher who passed away on June 14th 1995. Sadly missed by her daughter Ann and her loving grandsons Alastair and Toby and son-in-law Paul. Cremation at Langney, Eastbourne, on Tuesday May 21st. Family only. Enquiries to Adela Funeral Homes tel: (01323) 643999.

COTES-PREEDY - Kenelm (Peter) on May 15th aged 83. Peacefully in hospital after a long and painful illness, dearly loved husband of Rowena, father of Ann and grandfather of James, Charles and Felicity. Private cremation Friday 24th May followed by Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St John's Unit, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Andover, Hampshire SP10 3LB.

FARRINGTON - Suddenly at his home in Poole. On May 9th 1996, Jeremy Taylor Pollock, aged 61 years, father of David and Antonia. Funeral Service at Jacobstow Parish Church, near Bude, Cornwall on Monday May 20th at 2 pm. Family flowers only by request. Donations, in lieu, if desired for the R.N.L.I. c/o Maddaford Funeral Services, 48 St Thomas Road, Launceston, PL15 8DB. tel: (01566) 776740.

DEATHS

FIELDING - Eric George peacefully at his Lightwater home on 13th May. Funeral Service at 11.30 am on Tuesday 21st May at Windlesham Parish Church, followed by committal at Woking Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations welcome to Windlesham Community Home Trust c/o Mrs Ruth Morris, Larkfield, School Road, Windlesham GU20 6PB.

HAY PLUKE - Peacefully in Ipswich Hospital on May 14th 1996, Doris Irene aged 89 years. Beloved wife of the late John, dear mother of Michael, mother-in-law of Gillian and much loved grandmother of Anna and Edward. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium, West Chapel, on Thursday May 23rd at 11 am. Flowers may be sent to the Co-operative Chapel of Repose, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.

LANDY - Rabbi Maurice. On 12th May 1996 aged 82 in hospital after a long illness. Much loved and greatly missed by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and all his family and friends.

LAWSON - Hilda Kate, suddenly but peacefully on 12th May at Treliske Hospital, Truro. Greatly loved wife of Laurie for nearly 49 years, mother to her son Andrew and granny to Matthew, Victoria, Alexander and Sophie. Funeral Service 12 noon on Tuesday 21st May at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired can be sent to the Intensive Therapy Unit, Treliske Hospital c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, tel: (01903) 234516.

DEATHS

LYDAM - On May 14th 1996 peacefully at Cheltenham General Hospital, Elizabeth (née Marriott) of Castle Eaton, Wiltshire. Reunited with her beloved husband Bill (Group Captain W.G. Lydam). Requiem Mass at the Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford, on Tuesday 21st May at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund c/o Packer and Slade Funeral Directors, City Bank Road, Cirencester, Glos.

McLAREN - Merle, wife of Captain P. McLaren RN and mother of Roderick and Fiona, died 13th May 1996 aged 82. Funeral 20th May 1996 St Peter's Church, East Marden; family and local friends only (very small church). Family flowers only but donations to forthcoming Merle McLaren Memorial Fund to help fight cancer much appreciated.

MITCHELL - Peacefully on 14th May after courageously fighting a terminal illness, Andrew Mitchell M.B.E. aged 70. Formerly Managing Director of Elstree Film Studios (retd). Fondly remembered by his wife Liv and family. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Frognal NW3, at 1 pm on Tuesday 21st May followed by cremation at St Marylebone Crematorium.

O'DONNELL - Martin Gerard F.C.A., died peacefully in hospital in Chippenham on May 14th 1996, aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Mickie and dearly loved father of Cecilia, Moyra, Shaun (died 11th February 1995), Colin, Timothy, Jane and Muire and grandfather of Sophie, Sacha, Catherine, Fiona, Tamsin, John, Felicity, James, James and Abbeygale. Requiem Mass at St Mary's R.C. Church, Chippenham on Monday 20th May at 12 noon. Flowers to F.W. Jones, Funeral Directors, Chippenham.

DEATHS

ROBERTS - On May 14th in St John's Hospice, Lancaster, Betty, formerly of Bury Grammar School for Girls, Rochdale Girls' High School, Fryerns School Basildon and Grey Coat Hospital, Westminster, the beloved wife of Geoffrey of 6 School Road, Heysham and a devoted mother and grandmother. The service will take place in St Peter's Church, Heysham on Wednesday May 22nd at 1pm followed by interment in Hale Carr Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be sent for St John's Hospice c/o Alex Willis Funeral Home, 2 Middleton Road, Heysham, LA3 2QD, tel: (01524) 851898.

SHARP - Sir Milton Reginald of Heckmondwyke, died at Orpington, Kent, on May 4th 1996. Cremation has taken place. Will be sadly missed by Sheena.

UTHWATT - Peacefully at her home on Tuesday 14th May 1996, Stella Katharine Andrewes aged 86 years, Laggan House, Crieff. Funeral Service to which all friends are respectfully invited at St Columba's Episcopal Church, Crieff, on Monday 20th May at 11 am, thereafter to Perth Crematorium for 12.15 pm.

VINCENT - John, retired jeweller of Cheap Street, Frome, passed peacefully away on May 11th, aged 88. Funeral Service at United Reformed Church, Frome, on Friday, May 17th, at 1.45pm followed by cremation at Haycombe, Bath. Family flowers only. Donations to the Stroke Association may be sent to W. Adlam & Son, 68/70 Locks Hill, Frome, Somerset, BA11 1NH (01373 452100).

DEATHS

WILLIAMS - Col. Peter John FIMgt, FFA, RM, on May 14th aged 74 died peacefully after some years of extreme pain. He held on to life with the courage of a lion to the admiration of all who knew him. Loving and caring husband of Lawrette (Yetta), kind father to Annabelle and Lawrence and Papa Peter to grandchildren Ben and Amy. We will miss him. Private cremation, family flowers. Thanksgiving Service, all welcome, at St Catherine's, Drayton, nr. Langport, Somerset, 2.30 pm 31st May. Donations to St Margaret's Hospice, Bishops Hull, Taunton.

WISEMAN - Leslie, died suddenly on 3rd May 1996. With love - Pamela, Jennifer and Gillian of Wimbledon.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

TAYLOR - The Memorial Service for Canon Herbert Taylor will be held at Christ Church, Orpington, Kent, at 3 pm on Saturday 8th June 1996.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

FLEETWOOD - There will be a celebration of the life and work of the actress Susan Fleetwood at St James's Church, Piccadilly, on Sunday June 9th at 3.30 pm.

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SERGE CHERMAYEFF

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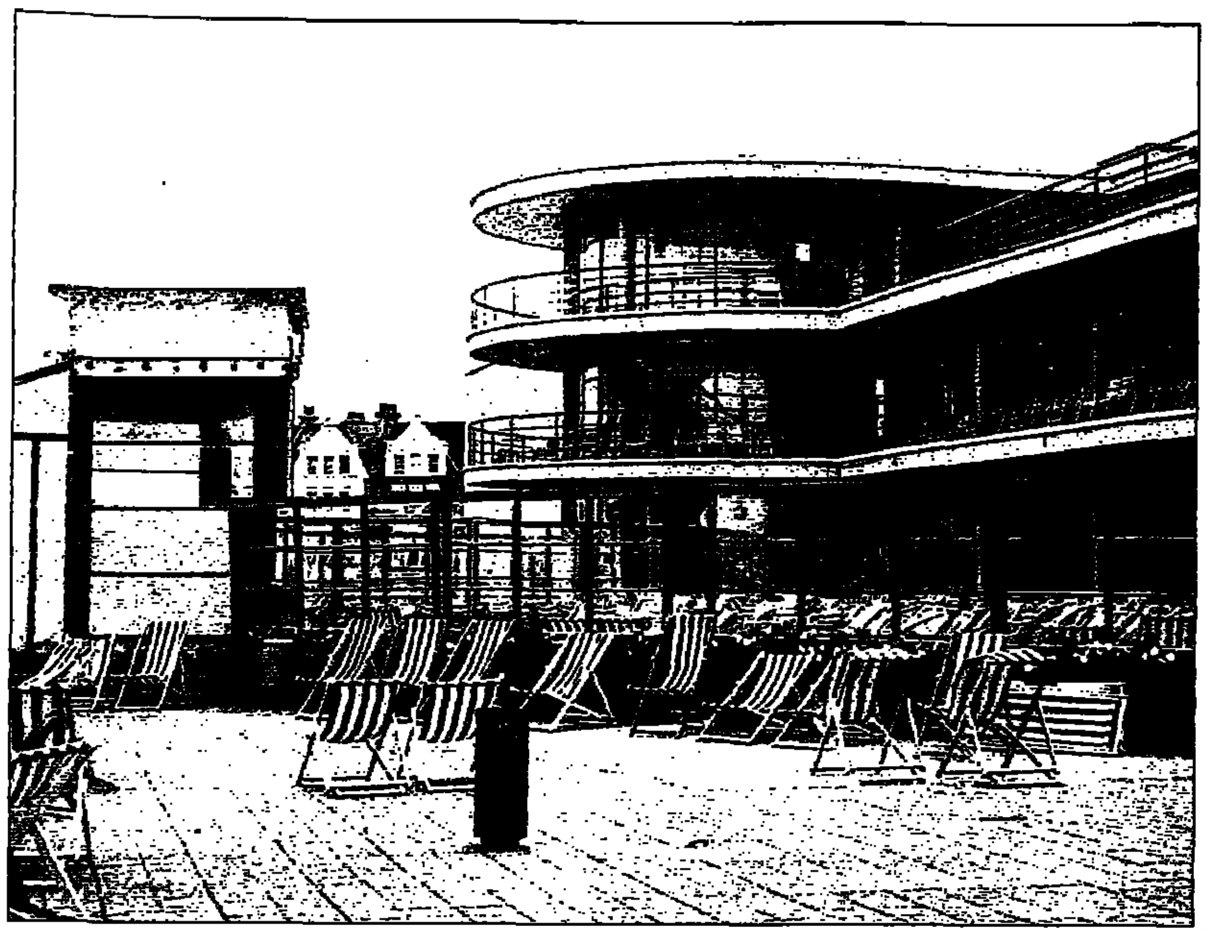
Serge Chermayeff, architect, died on May 8 aged 95. He was born in Russia on October 8, 1900.


The De La Warr Pavilion at Bexhill-on-Sea, designed by Serge Chermayeff

SERGE CHERMAYEFF was one of the best architects of a remarkable group that was largely responsible for bringing modern architecture to this country. For his part, he did so with a number of highly praised buildings which received wide publicity, among them the Chermayeff House at Halland in Sussex, the Cohen House in Chelsea, the W. and A. Gilbey office block in Camden and the De La Warr Pavilion at Bexhill-on-Sea.

Serge Ivan Chermayeff was born Sergei Ivanovitch Issakovitch, the son of a Jewish Caucasian father, who ran an oil field near Grozny after oil had been discovered there on the family land. His father escaped to England after the 1917 Revolution. But before leaving Russia he had already sent his son to London to be placed under the guardianship of a family connection, Topa Chermayeff (from whom the young Serge took his surname).

He was sent to school at Harrow, where he remained until 1917, but the proposal to send him to Trinity College, Cambridge, had to be abandoned once the Russian Revolution had left his family with no money. There was, however, no question of his returning to his homeland and he remained in London, pursuing a number of interests that culminated in his becoming an interior designer. This was in 1924 — the same year as his father's death — and four years later he arranged the first exhibition of modern furniture, fabrics and other materials for the firm of Waring and Gillow — of which he had become a director. He went on from this to receive commissions to design the interiors of the Cambridge Theatre in London (1930) and of the BBC (1932).

By 1930 he had, with no professional training at all, formed his own architectural practice, opening an office in London and, in 1933, took into partnership with him the German architect, Eric Mendelsohn, a refugee from the Nazis, and with him won a national competition for the Bexhill Pavilion in 1934, known after its completion in 1935 as the De La Warr Pavilion.

This was the first English public building in the modern style and a good advertisement for it: simple and elegant, with wide windows and a graceful contrast of long horizontal lines and sweeping curves. Its adventurous design, coinciding with the completion of the fine Highpoint flats at Highgate in north London by Serge Chermayeff's compatriot, Berthold Lubetkin, did much to launch the modern movement in Britain.

With Mendelsohn, he undertook a number of further commissions at this time, including two houses, one in Rugby, the other in Chalfont; but it was the 1936 Cohen House in Old Church Street, Chelsea, which was arguably the most interesting of his domestic works so far. This was particularly unusual because it was part of a larger development: four families had bought a big piece of land together, and this lay between Old Church Street on the west side and Chelsea Square on the east. Fortunately for Chermayeff and his partner, the owners of the land next door to them had also employed a pair of modern architects, the German, Walter Gropius, and the Englishman, E. Maxwell Fry. Not unnaturally, Chermayeff and Mendelsohn collaborated with their friends across the way, together producing designs which were complementary in form, had a white rendered finish or brick, and, in addition, introduced a long wall beside the pavement that unified the composition. And this, interestingly, echoed both the white finish and low scale of the 19th-century Chelsea Arts Club opposite, so bringing a certain unity to the street as well.

Both houses have now been spoilt by alterations. Nevertheless, the essential simplicity of the architects' conception remains and is in telling contrast to the clumsier, mock-Georgian houses built on to Chelsea Square by Oliver Hill. Once more immense publicity followed in the *Architectural Review* and other magazines, bringing Chermayeff the commission to design the Gilbey office building on the corner of the Oval and Jamestown Roads, and which he carried out on his own, his partner having emigrated to America. The Gilbey building was finished in 1937, a straightforward work of modern architecture, suggesting that the Cohen House was by Chermayeff rather than by Mendelsohn, whose inclinations lay with highly curvacious forms.

Despite his continuing success, he designed only two more buildings in this country. One of these, the house at Halland, was for himself in 1938. Many regard this as his most achieved work, a delicate structure in glass and timber framing, the outline of which was echoed in the garden as an outline to define the setting of a Henry Moore which Chermayeff wanted (but could not afford to buy because he had spent so much on the house). After designing this house, which has also been completely altered, and a laboratory building for ICI, also in 1938, he had to close his office through lack of work and the onset of the war. Deeply disappointed, he left the country that had become his own for thirty years and emigrated to the United States in 1940 to join others like Gropius and Marcel Breuer already there.

He was, of course, welcomed, particularly by the teaching profession. He and his family settled first in San Francisco, where he wasted no time in finding clients for two houses, after which in 1942 he was appointed chairman of the Department of Art at Brooklyn College, where he created the Department of Design. Four years later, he was made president of the Chicago Institute of Design, going on to teach at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at Harvard, where he served as Professsor of Architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, 1953-62. He was Professor of Architecture at Yale, 1962-71.

Chermayeff served on numerous American committees concerned with architecture and planning. He published several books, most notably in 1963 *Community and Privacy*. He had become a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1933 and was elected one of the American Institute of Architects in 1943. In 1974 he was awarded the gold medal of the Royal Canadian Institute of Architects. In 1980 he was given an honorary doctorate of Ohio State University. He spent his last years in a house and studio at Wellfleet, Massachusetts, designed by himself.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, whom he married in 1928, and by two sons. One is a graphic artist, the other an architect.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR CHRISTOPHER WELBY-EVERARD

Major-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, KBE, CB, General Officer Commanding the Nigerian Army, 1962-65, died on May 10 aged 86. He was born on August 9, 1909.

AN EXEMPLARY military leader, Major-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard was the last British general to command the Nigerian Army. He came to the post in 1962, nearly two years after the country had been granted independence, and remained in it throughout the delicate transitional period during which Nigeria moved to republican status in 1963. In 1964 he was personally responsible for averting an embryonic coup when he called all the most senior officers together and reminded them in no uncertain terms of where their loyalties and duties lay. He only finally left Nigeria in 1965, when he handed over military command to Major-General Aguiyi Ironsi.

It was a precondition of his challenging appointment that Welby-Everard should resign from the regular list of the British Army and work on a contract basis, thus being manifestly seen to be free of any undue influence from Whitehall. A man who carried his authority with an ease and naturalness, he was well received by the Nigerian authorities, both political and military, and formed a firm and lasting friendship with General (later President) Gowon who was his Adjutant-General. In 1965 he was appointed KBE.

Born into a well-known Lincolnshire family from Gosberton, Christopher Earle Welby-Everard grew up in the heart of the Fens. He was educated at Charterhouse and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, from where he was commissioned into The Lincolnshire Regiment in 1932. He served in the 2nd Battalion and at the Depot in Lincoln from then until the early years of the war, being kept in this country — when the rest of his battalion was sent to India — as he occasionally bemoaned, as much for his talents as a cricketer as for his military virtuosity.

He took over the 2nd Battalion of the Lincolns before the Normandy invasion and led it into Hermanville on D-Day, commanding it with distinction during the battle for Caen. But he was severely wounded in Operation Goodwood soon afterwards (his batman, though he was ordered to return to the battalion for duty, insisted on accompanying him all the way back to hospital in England).

On his recovery he held a series of staff appointments until, in 1949, he took command of The (by now Royal) Lincolnshire Regiment in the Canal Zone of Egypt during the difficult days following Colonel Nasser's abrogation of the original Canal Treaty. The first and only time he had to threaten a man with a gun was during this period, when he discovered that his medical officer had been taken into custody by the police. Welby-Everard arrived at the police station to demand his man back and, when this was met with blank looks, took out his Sten gun to reinforce his request. This had the immediate desired effect of liberating his medical officer.

In 1956 he took command of 264 Scottish Beach Brigade and 157 (L) Infantry Brigade (TA) in Glasgow. This was followed by a period as BGS (Ops) HQ Northern Army Group from which he was promoted major-general and posted as Chief of Staff to the C-in-C Allied Forces Northern Europe in Oslo in 1959. It was from there that he officially retired and went to Nigeria in 1962. He was appointed OBE in 1945 and CB in 1961.

Welby-Everard was immensely respected both within his regiment and among those with whom he served on the staff. At his best in command of troops, he was bold and imaginative and, although firm — even formidably stern on occasion — he was scrupulously fair. He placed the care of his soldiers and their families above all else.

On his retirement to Lincolnshire in 1965 he worked for Securicor for some time, but his main energies were devoted to a wide range of charitable and welfare activities. Among other posts he was president of the County Red Cross, area president and county chairman of the Royal British Legion, honorary colonel of the county Army Cadet Force, chairman of the Normandy Veterans, chairman of the Lincoln Diocesan Finance Board and, for 23 years, the untiring president of The Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the county in 1966 and was High Sheriff in 1974.

An accomplished all-round sportsman, Welby-Everard was a gifted cricketer who played for Lincolnshire in the 1930s. He was also an excellent shot, only reluctantly giving up the sport last season.

He married Peggy Shorrock in 1938; she predeceased him in 1994. He is survived by his two sons.

THE RIGHT REV FORBES HORAN

The Right Rev Forbes Horan, Bishop of Tewkesbury, 1960-73, died on May 11 aged 90. He was born on May 22, 1905.

A HIGHLY regarded pastoral bishop even by the standards of the glory days of the old *ecclesia anglicana*. Forbes Horan started his adult life as a Regular Army officer. He went to Sandhurst at the age of 19, spending part of his subsequent regimental service with the Ox and Bucks in India.

He then, at the age of 24, went up to Cambridge where, in the best traditions of muscular Christianity, he won a Blue for athletics — running occasionally against Jack Lovelock (though he never beat him). At Trinity Hall he read English, taking a 2.1 in the final part of the Tripos. From Trinity Hall he went on to Westcott House, training there for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1933 and served his title at St Luke's, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The twin son of a clergyman, Forbes Trevor Horan had been sent to school at Sherborne, where he shone on the sports field. The brief army interregnum apart, he was thus a typical enough ordinand of the 1920s, when the clergy still tended to be drawn mainly from the public schools and the ancient universities.

Horan also ran true to form in choosing to start his ministry in the rugged North East — just as other young curates of the time used boldly to set off from their sheltered theological colleges in places like Wells and Cuddesdon for the Docks and the East End. The first seven years of Horan's ministry were spent in the Newcastle diocese and, but for the war, he might well have remained there.

In 1940, however, he volunteered to be a naval chaplain — an interesting choice in the light of his earlier army experience but perhaps dictated by his awareness that naval chaplains hold no rank, while army and air force ones do. In any event, his success as an RNVR chaplain was remarkable; it was reflected in the fact that, on his return from the war, he was immediately offered the important living of St Chad's, Shrewsbury, the round church that looks down on the town. He spent seven happy years there before transferring in 1952 to the diocese of Wakefield, where at the invitation of the then bishop, Roger Wilson, he became vicar of Huddersfield.

With the textile industry in transition, it was not an easy time in that Yorkshire town, specialising in manufacturing worsted; but, despite his own southern, privileged background, Horan seems to have been accepted easily enough. There was never any side to him and, though no great preacher or anything like that, he possessed an uncanny way with people. He was also a distinguished trainer of curates — one of the earliest, whom he found at Huddersfield, being Simon Phipps, later to be Bishop of Lincoln.

He was genuinely surprised when in 1960 he found himself invited by Dr Wilfred Askwith, the then Bishop of Gloucester, to become his suffragan as Bishop of Tewkesbury. Serving both Askwith and his successor, Basil Guy, he was a very popular figure in the Gloucester diocese, taking a particular interest in youth work (it was he who was responsible for appointing Eric Evans, the present Dean of St Paul's, as diocesan youth chaplain).

If he suffered from one weakness, it lay perhaps in the difficulty he experienced in making up his mind — and that in itself may have been enough to prevent his further elevation to the diocesan bench. He retired in 1973 after serving 13 years — easily the longest period he spent in any post — as Bishop suffragan of Tewkesbury.

In his latter years Horan did not enjoy particularly good health, fighting, even before he retired, a long battle with cancer.

His first wife Veronica (a great help to him and the daughter of a former Bishop of Knaresborough), whom he married in 1939, died in 1983 and five years later he married Elizabeth Lancaster. She survives him together with the two sons and two daughters of his first marriage.

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The Crimean War is perhaps the best known occasion when the paper felt the need to castigate the Government. But four years on it was equally unhappy at the handling of the Indian Mutiny.

THE INDIAN MUTINY

It is the Englishman's comfort, under the vast difficulty and immense complication of our public affairs, that somebody is supposed to understand them. Whatever the clouds and darkness elsewhere, Downing-street is believed to be a Land of Goshen, where the light of a few clear intellects, aided by all kinds of official and material assistance, illumines our path to honour and greatness. There, at least, people know what they are about. There they have a plan and a policy. There they all agree. Such is the ordinary and comfortable impression which saves the common Englishman a world of anxiety, and enables him to sleep in peace while the world seems blazing around him. This confidence must have been rudely shaken by the events of the last week. If, however, up to yesterday morning the condition of our Government in regard to Indian affairs might be described as confusion, last night it was worse confounded. Indeed, at this moment it is our duty to inform our confiding fellow-subjects, reading our paper under their own vine and their own figtree, and rejoicing that Her Majesty's Government know better what to do than themselves, that they are under a pleasing but dangerous illusion. It is quite evident that these great personages have not the least idea what they are about; they have no common plan of action: no consistency from day to day; no unity between one another. If, then, the suppression of the most formidable mutiny ever known and the government of 180,000,000 of people do require in our rulers at home a clear vision, a distinct policy, and a complete concert,——in other words, if the Queen's advisers ought to know what they are at, then it is too evident that we have no such security in the present instance. There is no more concert, understanding, fixed purpose, or plan in the Cabinet, than there is in the same number of gentlemen meeting casually in any private room, and it is quite a matter of chance whether they agree or disagree. In any private business this must lead to bankruptcy or ruin, and we see no reason to expect otherwise in the great business of the nation. It appears from their speeches last night that Her Majesty's Ministers did not know a month ago, or even now, in what light to regard the dreadful war we are waging in Oude; whether to consider it a simple invasion, or the suppression of a revolt. They cannot say whether the triple attack on Lucknow, and its final capture, were a succession of violent outrages, or noble achievements in a just and honourable cause . . .

Bargains of the week — offers on ferries, flights and hotels, including treats for golfers and trainspotters

FERRIES

LE SHUTTLE has a range of offers through broker Eurodrive for travel through the Channel Tunnel. Day-trips or overnight tickets, for travel before July 7, start at £39 per car, or as low as £19 for travel after 2pm and returning by midnight. A six-day ticket for motorists willing to travel between midnight and 6am in both directions is also on sale for £69 before June 30. Details: 0181-324 4000.

■ SEA FRANCE has extended its offer of 50 per cent off brochure prices for crossings on the Dover-Calais route throughout May and June. Details: 01304 204204.

■ COLOR Line is running three and four-day ferry cruises on selected dates this summer. The trips from Newcastle include a visit to Bergen in Norway with en-suite berths — prices from £69-£99, half-price for children. Departures on Mondays, Wednesdays or Saturdays throughout May and June. Details: 0191 296 1313.

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They sell Seychelles: Airwaves are offering one week's bed and breakfast at the Vista Bay Club for £499. Late bookers could also consider Hayes and Jarvis's Maldives deal

HOLIDAYS

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■ CO-OP Travelcare is offering an Airtours seven-night half-board package in The Gambia on May 30 for £249. Details: 0161 8271030.

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Opposite rules on smoking

World Airlines, which is starting 44 flights a week from London City to Amsterdam, is to allow smoking. "I think that smokers have been alienated to the extreme in the past," Nich Stolberg, its chairman, says.

Meanwhile, American Airlines is banning smoking on all its 238 transatlantic services from June 1. "A growing majority of our customers tell us they want non-smoking flights," says Hans Mirka, senior vice-president.

Sickening fun

What is claimed to be the world's tallest and longest upside-down rollercoaster ride opens today at the Busch Gardens theme park near Tampa in Florida. Called Montu, it is part of a hundred-million dollar expansion of the park and has the world's largest inverted loop at 104 feet, plus three smaller ones. The three-minute ride includes three seconds of weightlessness.

Happy returns

The opening of the proposed £1 billion fifth terminal at Heathrow airport has been delayed for at least 12 months.

Since the public inquiry on it began on May 16 last year, three inspectors have sat for 151 days, heard 80 witnesses, studied 2,000 official documents and received 13,000 written representations.

Sixty "regulars" from the inquiry secretariat have met every day in the Ramada Hotel. Many have spent an hour each morning in the hotel's gymnasium before studying developments. Now the hotel, which has set aside a conference hall, meeting rooms and bedrooms, is holding a first birthday party to thank them for providing £1 million in income.

Rebirth of the Caribbean

By Tony Dawe

COLUMBUS COMMUNICATIONS

The holiday resort of Cap Juluca on Anguilla, which has now been reconstructed after the damage of last September's hurricanes

ONE of the Caribbean's most exquisite resorts has reopened as the region continues its struggle to repair the damage inflicted by the Hurricanes Luis and Marilyn which tore through several islands last September.

Cap Juluca hotel on the British island of Anguilla has spent nearly £7 million on a renovation programme which included reconstructing its mile-long, white-sand beach, replanting much of the 179-acre site and repairing all the roofs of its properties.

A dredger spent five months pumping sand from the bottom of the bay in front of the hotel back on to the beach. Charles Hickox, the hotel's managing director, said: "The scale of this operation has been enormous and no expense was spared in returning Cap Juluca to its former beauty.

"Once the sand was back in place, beach access fairways were reconstructed on more than 70 pilings, and 75,000 stabilising plants were also added."

Cap Juluca, voted one of the world's top tropical resorts by *Conde Nast Traveler*, is the last leading hotel to reopen on Anguilla but several smaller ones remain closed, their windows boarded up and stairs to the beach lurching crazily into the air.

The story is the same elsewhere in the Caribbean. On Antigua, which took the full force of Hurricane Luis, some hotels reopened for Christmas while others are still rebuilding.

Bettina Mourier, manager of Galleon Beach near Nelson's Dockyard and popular with British visitors, said: "We took our first guest after the hurricane on December 23 but it was a real struggle to be open by then. Cottages on the beach were devastated; I lost my own home half way up the hillside and much of the resort was covered in mud, debris and fallen palms."

At Galley Bay on the western side of the island the devastation was even greater and the hotel still faces a battle to be ready for the next winter season. Further north on Nevis the worst damage was caused by Hurricane Marilyn, which came ten days after Luis and sent tidal waves crashing into beach homes.

The Four Seasons hotel also employed a dredger for several weeks to rebuild its part of the famous Pinney's Beach. Inland the effect of the hurricanes were less severe. James Milnes Gaskell owner of the Montpelier Plantation Inn, where the Princess of Wales has stayed, said: "We suffered some structural damage but the worst effect was that holidaymakers in Europe and North America assumed that the entire Caribbean had been devastated and it was difficult to persuade them otherwise."

Jane Roche, marketing manager of Simply Caribbean, the Harrogate-based tour operator which features dozens of hotels in the region, said: "I am delighted to see that Cap Juluca and so many other hotels have recovered so well from the hurricanes. We visit all properties in our brochure regularly and can advise customers on exactly how the resorts are fairing."

First class passengers get a free trip to Paris

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

THE first of an expected flood of cut-price deals on the high-speed Eurostar trains was launched yesterday with an offer of free trips to Paris and Brussels for first class passengers.

From yesterday, purchasers of premium or business first class return tickets from Waterloo or Ashford stations are entitled to claim a free standard class return ticket for later travel.

These, in turn, can be upgraded to a first class return on payment of a £50 supplement. The tickets are valid to Lille and Calais as well as the French and Belgian capitals.

The only restriction on the free tickets is that the seats must be booked at least seven days before travel and the trips have to be completed by December 31. The tickets are fully transferrable.

Richard Edgeley, managing director of European Passenger Services (EPS), said: "The free ticket offer provides an instant reward for our thousands of regular travellers.

"We hope it will encourage new customers to see for themselves why Eurostar is the obvious choice for business travel to Paris or Brussels."

The deal is certain to be followed by a wide range of ticket offers and promotions as London & Continental Railways (LCR) completes its takeover of EPS, the British arm of Eurostar, from the Government. The handover was given the green light by Brussels last month when European Union officials bestowed their approval on the £1.4 billion subsidy that will be given to LCR.

Although the formal transfer of ownership is not expected to take place until the start of next month, senior LCR personnel have already taken over a number of the key jobs at EPS.

Responsibility for the long-expected overhaul of Eurostar's marketing is being left largely to Virgin, one of the six shareholders in LCR. Innovations are likely to include much cheaper lowest fare tickets to fill seats on the trains, and a wider range of classes. These are expected to be announced on Tuesday.

Although Eurostar is now widely acclaimed as a technical success, many trains, particularly on the Brussels service, continue to run less than one third full. On some poorly used services, one half of the train is now "closed down" rather than passengers and staff being thinly spread around throughout its 18 carriages.

Eurostar is believed to be losing up to £200 million a year and LCR is committed to stemming the losses within two years of taking it over. Regional Eurostar services from Scotland and the north of England start later this year, replacing the near-empty InterCity link trains that EPS has been running in their place.

Airport rail link will ease the way into New York

From Quentin Letts in New York

TRAVELLING to New York should be easier in future, following the approval of a long-overdue rail link for the city's JFK airport.

The New York Port Authority has approved a $1 billion plan to build an elevated rail track which will connect the busy airport to New York's subway system.

The airport stands 15 miles east of Manhattan and since its opening in 1948 there have been 20 attempts, all frustrated, to build a rail link.

The absence of a rail line to the airport has long discredited New York's claims to be a popular tourist destination.

Air passengers faced an irritating bus ride or a $30 taxi fare and the journey, through heavy traffic and over ill-paved roads, did nothing for the Big Apple's image. Kennedy Airport is often rated one of the worst by international travellers.

Officials suggest, perhaps optimistically, that the rail link will be ready by 2001 and $25 million has already been identified for preliminary works.

Certain aspects of the scheme have yet to be agreed, such as the fact that the plan currently necessitates a train change in the heart of the city's Queens borough — no place for *ingénues* to be wandering alone with laden bags. The Port Authority intends to raise the money for the railway from current charges on air travellers. The only obstacle now faced by the project is the approval of the airlines who have a say over the use of such moneys and who have in the past been difficult about funds being spent on anything but improvements to the airport itself.

The Big Apple: A new rail link is welcome

Few takers for the flying bedrooms

AIRLINES who operate ultra long range Airbus A340 jets built by Airbus Industrie — the European rival to Boeing — can now install a flying bedroom to ensure that passengers get a good nights sleep on very long flights, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

By lowering the floor of the cargo compartment, Airbus has been able to design a range of optional lay-outs for the bedroom which range from a ten-bed dormitory to a cosy twin-bedded "honeymoon suite".

Mock-ups of possible designs for the bedroom are now being shown to potential customers at the Airbus headquarters in Toulouse, but so far no one has ordered the modification.

Virgin and some Arab carriers are thought to be considering the possibility of fitting at least one of their A340s with bedrooms but most airlines believe that the additional cost, the loss of valuable cargo revenue and the higher fares which would have to be charged for the bed would be prohibitive.

An Airbus spokesman said: "The beds are arranged in bunks but are wider than normal and are particularly comfortable. Although obviously the twin-bedded room would be ideal for honeymooners we could not install a double bed."

Each suite has its own toilet, hanging space, lockers and sitting area as well as full height ceilings enabling passengers to stand up while getting ready for bed.

Europe picks up no-frills baton

Has the push for ever-cheaper air fares gone too far? Whatever the final outcome of the investigation into the cause of last weekend's crash of the 27-year-old DC9 in the Florida Everglades, travellers will inevitably be concerned about the whole concept of very low-cost, no-frills airlines.

Valujet has come from nowhere to dominate the cut-price market in America in under three years. Passengers were unperturbed by a spate of minor incidents and even by an on-board fire which led the safety authorities to keep an especially close watch on the way its ageing fleet of 50 twin jets was operated.

By paying their pilots and cabin crew little more than half the "going" rate, offering no inflight service and keeping the jets in the air for the maximum possible time, the company was able to offer a ticket from Washington to Atlanta for £72 compared with its mainline rivals' price of £245. And that, it seemed, was all that mattered. Not only to the passengers; shareholders too loved the airline as Valujet's profits soared.

Since low-cost flights first appeared in the US in 1988 the number of passengers flying on the routes has tripled from about 33 million to over 100 million. According to the US Department of Transportation the lower fares have saved domestic passengers in America some £4 billion.

Now airlines in Europe are beginning to look enviously at their success and introducing similar "no-frills" flights with ultra-low fares. There is no suggestion that they are in any way unsafe or that they are cutting corners in the way the aircraft are operated. Instead they are using the latest technology to reduce the costs of selling tickets.

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Typical of the new entrants is Airjet, a French airline operating a business-class only service twice a day between London City airport and Paris. Passengers buy a smart card which is "loaded" with credits for a given number of flights. No ticket is needed and the card is read by a machine at the airport which prints a boarding card and deducts one of the credits. Other airlines, such as Easyjet and Richard Branson's new acquisition Euro-Belgian, are following suit.

Richard Branson said last week that the days of "over-priced air travel are over" and that Virgin Express tickets would cost around a quarter of existing fares.

Now British Airways is to experiment with a pilot scheme between Gatwick and Aberdeen this summer which will do away with paper tickets. BA does not believe in smart cards yet but will enable passengers on the route to use their credit cards to print out a boarding card at the airport.

The changes are happening at lightning speed. But the bedrock on which the entire aviation industry is built is customer confidence. And if "cheap" ever becomes synonymous with "dangerous" in the travelling public's mind the whole concept may be threatened. As an industry leader once told me: "If you think safety is expensive — try having an accident."

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Special forces slid down ropes from helicopters to rescue the quartet and five other hostages after a five-day chase across some of the most rugged terrain in the world. Two Indonesians were still being held by the fleeing kidnappers .... **Pages 1, 5**

MI5 called to combat housing fraud

■ MI5 could become involved in operations to counter housing benefit fraud, which is costing the taxpayers up to £2 billion a year. A 120-strong investigative team will also be set up in London, where the problem is worst, and 19 million people are to be issued with plastic payment cards.................... **Pages 1, 4**

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Hemingway's unrequited love

■ Lord Attenborough told the Cannes Film Festival about his £26.5 million film, *In Love and War*, concerning Ernest Hemingway's unrequited love for a nurse who looked after him when he was wounded in the First World War. He said that the rejection inspired the doomed love affair between Frederic Henry and Catherine Barkley in *A Farewell to Arms*... **Page 9**

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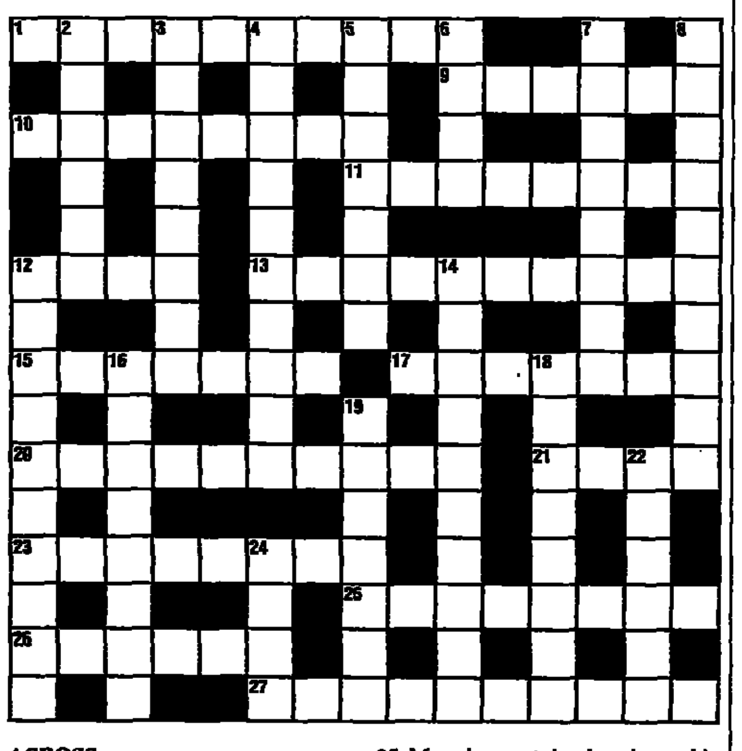

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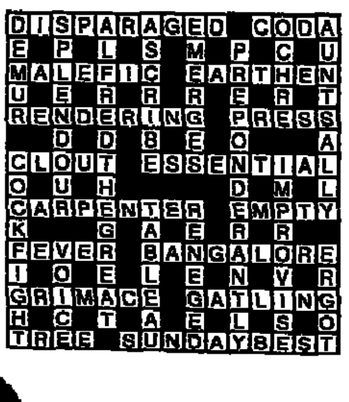

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon, 19C (66F), lowest day max: Sella Ness, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highlands 0.13in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 14.8hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** the majority of England and Wales will have a fine dry day, but some showers may reach northwestern parts later and the odd light shower may develop elsewhere.

Showers will affect the far north of Scotland first thing in the morning and through the day these will spread south to reach Northern Ireland, and the rest of Scotland. Some of these showers will be heavy and will turn wintry in the far north.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, SW England:** mostly dry with sunny spells. Wind northeasterly moderate to fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **E England, W Midlands, Wales, NW England, Central N, NE England:** mostly dry with sunny spells. Wind north to northeasterly moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** bright at first becoming cloudy with rain later. Wind northeasterly fresh or strong. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** dry and bright at first, showers developing later. Wind north to northeasterly moderate. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** dry at first but soon becoming cloudy with showers, some heavy and possibly wintry on hills. Wind north to northeasterly mainly moderate. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rather cloudy with showers, some heavy and at times wintry. Wind north to northeasterly mainly moderate. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook for Friday and Saturday:** becoming cloudy with rain moving north. Showers in north.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.9	0.02	9	48	sh	London	9.1	-	15	59	s
Anglesey	11.4	-	13	55	s	Lowestoft	11.0	-	12	54	s
Aspatria	8.5	-	11	52	b	Manchester	3.1	0.01	11	52	b
Aviemore	2.8	0.13	8	46	sh	Margate	7.9	-	13	55	s
Belfast	6.2	-	13	55	b	Minehead	13.3	-	16	61	s
Birmingham	4.9	0.01	11	52	r	Morecambe	1.4	-	12	54	c
Bognor R	10.9	-	17	63	s	Newquay	13.2	-	18	64	s
Bournem'th	-	-	18	64	s	Norwich	7.4	-	13	55	b
Bristol	10.7	-	17	63	s	Oxford	11.2	-	15	59	b
Buxton	1.7	-	8	46	c	Penzance	X	-	18	64	s
Cardiff	13.3	-	17	63	s	Poole	10.8	-	18	64	s
Cromer	8.7	-	9	48	s	Prestatyn	X	-	12	54	c
Dunbar	5.5	0.01	9	48	b	Ross-o-wye	11.8	-	13	55	s
Eastbourne	9.7	-	13	65	s	Ryde	10.3	-	15	59	s
Eskdalemuir	6.9	0.01	10	50	s	Salcombe	13.5	-	15	59	s
Exmouth	12.9	-	16	61	s	Sandown	10.3	-	15	59	s
Falmouth	12.2	-	14	57	s	Sauntn Snd	13.0	-	19	66	s
Fishguard	10.2	-	12	54	s	Scarboro'	X				
Folkestone	6.5	-	14	57	b	Shanklin	X				
Glasgow	6.9	-	13	55	b	Shrewsbury	4.1	-	12	54	c
Guernsey	6.3	-	15	59	s	Skegness	5.8	-	10	50	s
Hastings	9.1	-	15	59	s	Southend	11.2	-	14	57	s
Hayling I.	10.4	-	16	61	s	Southport	4.2	-	13	55	c
Herne Bay	8.4	-	12	54	s	Southsea	9.9	-	16	61	c
Hove	9.5	-	17	63	b	Stornoway	6.8	0.01	10	50	b
Hunstanton	6.5	-	10	50	s	Swanage	13.3	-	14	57	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	13.1	-	15	59	s
Isle of Man	14.1	-	13	55	s	Tenby	X				
Jersey	X					Tiree	14.8	-	11	52	s
Kinloss	1.5	0.05	8	46	sh	Torquay	13.7	-	16	61	s
Leeds	0.7	0.01	10	50	c	Tynemouth	X				
Lerwick	5.7	0.06	8	46	h	Ventnor	11.8	-	16	61	s
Leuchars	X					West-s-mare	X				
Littlehmptn	11.2	-	17	63	s	Weymouth	11.5	-	15	59	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	19	66	f	Corfu	17	63	f	Majorca	19	66	f	Rome	19	66	s
Akrotiri	25	77	s	C'phagn	18	64	s	Malaga	17	63	d	S Fr'sco	21	70	f
Alex'dria	22	72	s	Dublin	14	57	s	Malta	20	68	s	S Paulo	25	77	f
Algiers	21	70	f	Dubrovnik	17	63	f	Melb'rne	14	57	f	Salzburg	12	54	r
Amst'dm	13	55	f	Faro	19	66	f	Mexico C	23	73	s	Santiago	19	66	s
Athens	22	72	f	Florence	22	72	s	Miami	28	82	f	Seoul	21	70	s
B Aires	19	66	f	Frankfurt	14	57	c	Milan	23	73	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	18	64	r	Montreal	13	55	s	St'kholm	20	68	s
Bangkok	34	93	s	Geneva	14	57	c	Moscow	24	75	c	Strasb'rg	12	54	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	18	64	f	Munich	10	50	r	Sydney	16	61	c
Barcelona	17	63	s	Helsinki	23	73	s	N Delhi	35	95	s	Tangier	20	68	f
Beirut	21	70	s	Hong K	23	73	s	N York	15	59	s	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Belgrade	16	61	r	Innsbrck	14	57	c	Nairobi	X			Tenerife	23	73	f
Berlin	12	54	c	Istanbul	25	77	s	Naples	22	72	f	Tokyo	17	63	c
Bermuda	22	72	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	20	68	s	Toronto	16	61	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	Jo'burg	18	64	f	Oslo	17	63	f	Tunis	21	70	f
Borde'x	16	61	s	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	11	52	c	Valencia	20	68	f
Brussels	12	54	c	L Palmas	22	72	f	Peking	30	86	s	Vanc'ver	12	54	c
Budapst	23	73	c	Le Touqet	11	52	f	Perth	22	72	s	Venice	19	66	f
Cairo	38	100	s	Lisbon	22	72	s	Prague	15	59	r	Vienna	14	57	c
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Locarno	21	70	f	Reykjavik	11	52	s	Warsaw	25	77	f
Ch'church	13	55	X	Luxembg	13	55	c	Rhodes	20	68	f	Wash'ton	17	63	s
Chicago	13	55	s	Luxor	41	106	s	Rio de J	29	84	f	Wel'ngton	12	54	X
Cologne	12	54	c	Madrid	20	68	s	Riyadh	37	99	s	Zurich	13	55	c

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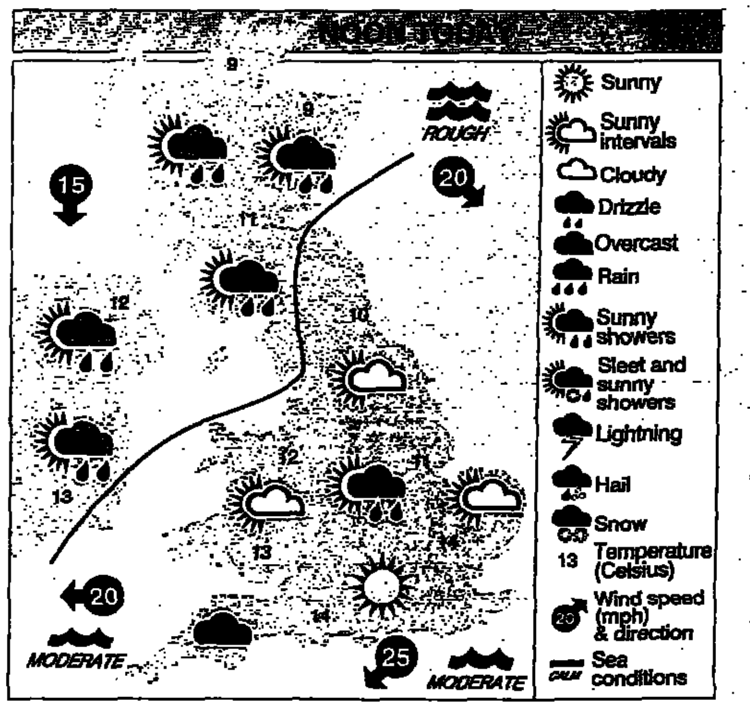

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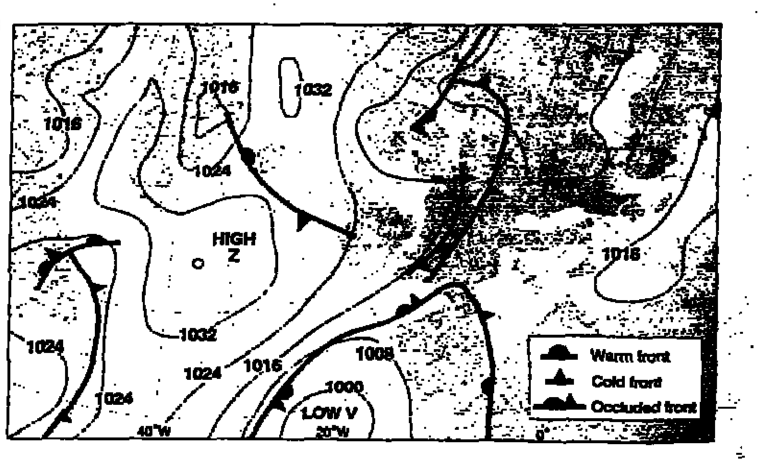

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	0.30	7.1	1.03	7.3	Leith	1.38	5.3	1.52	5.3
Aberdeen	0.23	4.0	12.31	4.0	Liverpool	10.21	9.2	10.41	9.1
Avonmouth	6.10	12.9	6.31	13.1	Lowestoft	8.37	2.4	8.47	2.4
Belfast	10.17	3.5	10.40	3.5	Margate	11.24	4.7	11.40	4.7
Cardiff	6.01	12.3	6.28	12.2	Milford Haven	5.15	6.7	5.36	6.7
Devonport	4.45	5.2	5.09	5.3	Newquay	4.03	6.7	4.23	6.7
Dover	10.24	6.4	10.39	6.6	Oban	4.51	3.8	5.02	3.7
Dublin (N Wall)	10.56	3.9	11.18	3.9	Penzance	3.41	5.4	4.02	5.4
Falmouth	4.10	5.1	4.35	5.1	Portland	5.47	1.9	6.13	2.0
Greenock	11.48	3.3	-	-	Portsmouth	10.31	4.5	10.51	4.7
Harwich	10.56	4.0	11.12	3.9	Shoreham	10.34	6.0	10.52	6.2
Holyhead	9.26	5.4	9.51	5.4	Southampton	9.54	4.3	10.15	4.5
Hull (Albert D)	5.20	7.2	5.38	7.4	Swansea	5.22	9.1	5.42	9.2
Ilfracombe	5.03	9.0	5.23	9.0	Tees	2.38	5.1	2.51	5.3
King's Lynn	5.17	6.6	5.35	6.8	Walton-on-Naze	10.53	4.2	11.08	4.1

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.07 am
Sun sets: 8.48 pm
Moon sets 7.42 pm
Moon rises 4.51 am

London 8.48 pm to 5.06 am
Bristol 8.57 pm to 5.16 am
Edinburgh 9.22 pm to 4.56 am
Manchester 9.05 pm to 5.05 am
Penzance 9.04 pm to 5.33 am

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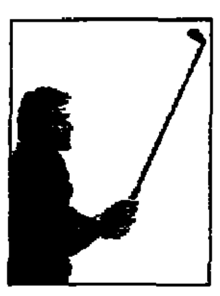

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THURSDAY MAY 16 1996

Barings chief apologises for Leeson fraud

By Robert Miller

THE most senior directors in charge of Barings at the time of the £860 million crash, yesterday issued a public apology over their failure to spot Nick Leeson's fraudulent trading in the Far East money markets.

But they dismissed as "grotesquely absurd" and "a fantastical idea" the suggestion that they had conspired to cover-up Leeson's activities to gain large personal bonuses.

Speaking at the outset of an often acrimonious two-hour appearance in front of the Commons Treasury Select Committee, Peter Baring, the former chairman, told MPs: "It goes without saying that all of us involved in the management of Barings prior to its insolvency deeply regret the damage to investors in the debt and preference capital of Barings and to the Baring Foundation, the anxiety for staff and the disruption to the business."

In spite of repeated questioning from Labour and Conservative MPs, Mr Baring refused to say who he thought was to blame for failing to spot that Leeson was a fraudster. He said: "I know who I think is responsible but it is not for me to make that judgment."

When it became clear in late February last year that the 233-year-old merchant bank had gambled away more than twice its capital, Mr Baring said: "It was the last thing I expected. It was absolutely inconceivable." He added that there were "no other criminals" involved in the Barings debacle other than Leeson.

Mr Baring, 60, who was also speaking on behalf of Andrew Tuckey, his deputy, Peter Norris, former chief executive officer, and Geoffrey Barnett, previously chief operating officer, continued: "Fraud or deception which corrupts the systems of a business is impossible to avoid completely; examples occur regularly. It is clear that Barings' controls were inadequate to discover Leeson's activities until too late. We believe that the changes designed to create an integrated investment banking group within Barings, though in themselves properly conceived, helped to provide the environment in which Leeson's dishonesty remained undetected for too long."

The former chairman, who told MPs he earned £1.25 million in 1993, while Mr Tuckey received £1.95 million, largely based on Leeson's bogus profits, said that until the Kobe earthquake on January 18/19 last year the losses clocked up by the rogue trader "would not have caused insolvency had they been identified".

Mr Baring, who has agreed with the Securities and Futures Authority, the watchdog responsible for brokers and futures dealers, never to work in the City again, said that Barings had previous experience of making high profits for relatively low risk in certain parts of its banking empire.

He added that the merchant bank's management were not surprised at Leeson's apparent success, but concluded "none of us believed this business would last".

Mr Tuckey, who appeared beside his former chairman, said that the Barings Futures (Singapore) operation had strict instructions not to maintain overnight positions that were not matched or hedged.

Committee members spent the allotted two hours questioning Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey and had to postpone calling Mr Norris, who last week was banned from senior SFA registers for three years, plus £10,000 costs, and Mr Barnett, the only one of the four executives exonerated by the SFA investigation.

After the meeting, Sir Tom Arnold, chairman of the House of Commons committee that is conducting its own Barings' inquiry, said he thought that MPs would want to call the SFA as well as the Bank of England.

PETER TRIEVNOR

Rosie Purkiss-McEndoo, 2, who plays Molly in the new Safeway TV advertisement, lends Colin Smith a hand

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3776.2	(+16.5)
Yield	3.95%	
FT-SE A All share	1896.33	(+6.08)
Nikkei	22055.97	(+754.92)
New York		
Dow Jones	5653.52	(+28.81)*
S&P Composite	668.06	(+2.46)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 1/2%*	(5 5/16%)
Long Bond	89 6/32*	(89 1/4)
Yield	6.85%*	(6.85%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 1/16%	(6 1/32%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	106 9/32	(106 5/8)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5136*	(1.5151)
London:		
$	1.5131	(1.5153)
DM	2.3212	(2.3287)
FFr	7.8594	(7.8792)
SFr	1.8967	(1.8986)
Yen	161.68	(160.55)
£ Index	84.5	(84.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5328*	(1.5340)
FFr	5.1900*	(5.1930)
SFr	1.2523*	(1.2507)
Yen	106.86*	(105.95)
$ Index	96.9	(96.7)

Tokyo close Yen 105.90

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.50	($18.60)

GOLD

London close	$392.70	($391.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Argyll takes Safeway name

By Sarah Bagnall

COLIN SMITH, chief executive of Argyll Group, yesterday revealed that the supermarket group is changing its name to Safeway and predicted a year of "short-term violent price skirmishes" among food retailers.

Mr Smith said: "The sector is fiercely competitive but there is a much clearer pecking order, in that everyone knows where the price differentials are. Although there will be short-term violent price skirmishes, as there were last year, we do not expect any fundamental changes in pricing." Last year, there were flurries of price cuts in certain produce lines, such as bananas, and this has continued into the current year with a renewed price war on baked beans.

Mr Smith made his remarks as he unveiled a 7 per cent rise in profits before tax and exceptional items to £401.2 million in the year to March 30. Sales rose 5 per cent to £6.5 billion, with like-for-like sales at the Safeway chain rising 7.8 per cent. Like-for-like sales, excluding petrol, rose 6.1 per cent in the first few weeks of the current year.

Mr Smith said the group was changing its name to Safeway, reflecting the divestment of non-core assets during the year and the desire to communicate a single identity. As a result, the group intends to rebrand its 106 Presto stores as Safeway outlets over the next 18 months at an estimated cost of up to £7 million. Presto, which was the group's original food retailing business, is based in the North-East and Scotland. The final dividend is lifted from 8.1p to 8.7p, making 12.75p for the year, up from 12p. The dividend is due on August 5. The shares fell 3p to 340p.

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C&W ends long search for new chief executive

By Eric Reguly

CABLE AND WIRELESS ended six months of management uncertainty with the appointment yesterday of Richard Brown, a veteran of the American telecoms industry, as its new chief executive.

Mr Brown is to be paid a basic annual salary of £650,000, against his predecessor's £400,000, and a performance bonus that could be worth another £650,000. He will also receive share options valued at £2.6 million.

Despite the collapse of merger talks with British Telecom, Mr Brown said he had no intention of finding a buyer for C&W. Instead, he would attempt to build through commercial links with other telecoms operators.

Mr Brown, 48, replaces James Ross, who was ousted in November along with Lord Young of Graffham, the chairman. Rod Olsen, who has been acting chief executive, is to become deputy chief executive with responsibility for the Asia-Pacific region.

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PowerGen takes stand on station sale to Eastern

By Christine Buckley

POWERGEN set itself on a collision course with the industry regulator yesterday, fuelled by its anger over the Government's blocking of its bid for Midlands Electricity.

The generator cast doubt on the sale of power stations it is obliged to dispose of to open up competition in the market, until it gets regulatory assurances on how it can operate. Ed Wallis, chief executive, said: "We don't doubt that the veto was a political decision. Now we want regulatory certainty and some idea of how we are allowed to expand the business."

The company also said that it would stick to plans to buy a regional electricity business, or make another sizeable acquisition, rather than deplete its buying power by offering large-scale shareholder benefits.

It said yesterday that it would spend about £400 million on a share buy-back of up to 10 per cent of its equity. This will be paid for by the company's sale of its stakes in Midlands and the National Grid. Mr Wallis said that buying a regional company could still be on the cards, given a shift in political and/or regulatory sentiment.

PowerGen risks a fresh Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry over its stand-off on the power station sales to Eastern Group. Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, made it clear after the blocking of PowerGen's bid for Midlands, along with that of National Power for Southern Electric, that he wanted a speedy disposal of the stations. He made the initial order for their disposal two years ago.

His office said yesterday that no communication had been received from PowerGen. Eastern said that it was confident the sale would go ahead.

The generator may also sell Kinetica, its gas business. The company, jointly owned by Conoco, is exposed to costly take-or-pay contracts, and last year PowerGen took a £37 million charge against its stake. Mr Wallis said that PowerGen will look at a sale or renegotiation of the contracts as a priority.

PowerGen's pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 were £687 million, but were flattered by £121 million in exceptional credits. These came from unneeded provisions, such as amounts laid aside for environmental requirements, and a discounted sum for litigation.

Without exceptionals, pretax profits improved 4 per cent to £566 million. The final dividend, payable July 31, was set at 14.5p, making a total of 21p, up 40 per cent.

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Hinchliffe waits on DTI action

By Jason Nissé

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE, the flamboyant businessman who has built up a 1,000-shop retail chain in just two years, will learn today if he has to fight moves to disqualify him as a director.

The Department of Trade and Industry is due to start proceedings to disqualify him as a director after a report by the liquidators of En-tout-cas, a tennis court maker that collapsed in 1994.

Mr Hinchliffe's Chase Investments sold En-tout-cas, by then renamed Boxgrey, in a £1 million deal shortly before its collapse. This was enough to cover a loan from Chase to Boxgrey.

A spokesman for Mr Hinchliffe said the action was "rubbish" and refused to talk in detail until proceedings are issued.

Hinchliffe: besieged

Mr Hinchliffe's Facia group owns some of the high street's best known names, including Sock Shop, Saxone and Red or Dead. But in recent weeks it has had to deal with its landlords sending bailiffs to some of its shops, a qualified audit report on one of its company's accounts, prosecutions for late accounts at Facia, and is now trying to raise extra finance in London, New York and Frankfurt.

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Pay growth disappoints the City

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

MODEST but unexpected acceleration in average earnings growth disappointed the City yesterday and was seen as ruling out a further cut in base rates. The Office for National Statistics said that average earnings growth in the year to March was 3.75 per cent. February's 3.50 per cent and January's 3.25 per cent were revised upwards by 0.25 per cent.

The Treasury played down the implications for inflation. Officials noted that 3.75 per cent earnings growth is still very low, compared with, for example, an average of 9.75 per cent in 1990. They also noted that the small upward movement in earnings growth appears to reflect a rise in pay settlements last autumn of about 0.5 per cent but that settlements had since levelled off.

Unemployment total falls to five-year low

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government yesterday proclaimed Britain's unemployment as the lowest in any major European country after the number of people out of work and claiming benefit fell to a five-year low.

Although the 3,200 drop in seasonally adjusted claimant unemployment was less than expected, Whitehall believes that a range of special factors may have affected the latest month's figures, and it is sticking to its view that unemployment is continuing to fall by about 10,000 a month.

The figures prompted Opposition accusations that the decline in unemployment is petering out. However, ministers cited new figures from Eurostat, the European Commission's statistical arm, showing that unemployment in Britain, at a rate of 7.8 per cent, is now not only well below the European average of 11 per cent but lower than in Germany, France, Italy and Spain.

Attacking over-regulation of the labour market, Eric Forth, the Employment Minister, said: "This Government does not erect such barriers to jobs. As a result, we have more of our people in jobs and fewer out of work than any other major European country."

Michael Meacher, Shadow Employment Secretary, said that the smaller than expected fall "shows that the decline in unemployment is rapidly petering out", and said that Government-promoted changes in the labour market were leading to a lack of demand in the economy, which threatened to throw the country back into recession.

For the first time, the Government published an economic assessment of the monthly figures, which suggested that the labour market was continuing to improve. Although it admitted that recently monthly figures have been "variable", it said that "activity in the labour market remains high, employment is growing and unemployment falling".

Figures from the Office for National Statistics showed that seasonally adjusted unemployment fell in April by 3,200, to 2,183,500. Unadjusted, "headline" unemployment fell by 6,890, to 2,223,919. Adjusted unemployment was at its lowest since April 1991.

However, while male unemployment fell by 5,500, female unemployment rose by 2,300. Six regions of Britain — mainly in the South — saw unemployment fall, but it rose in five other, mainly northern, regions.

Whitehall officials cited special factors that may have adversely affected the figures, including an earlier count date, an end-of-year effect and the BSE crisis.

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New deal for Serps losers

By Robert Miller

BRITAIN's biggest bancassurers yesterday promised to waive future personal pension charges worth millions of pounds for up to 200,000 people who lost money by opting out of the state earnings related pension scheme (Serps).

The announcement yesterday by the Bancassurance group of the British Bankers Association, which includes NatWest, Lloyds TSB and Barclays, coincided with the publication of research conducted by the Securities and Investment Board (SIB), the City's most senior watchdog, into the 5½ million people who contracted out of Serps and into an appropriate personal pension.

The SIB, which estimates a total Serps bill of up to £38 million, said that a number of other life offices, such as the Prudential, Legal & General and Commercial Union, had joined the bancassurers in agreeing to waive future flat-rate policy charges.

The GMB, Britain's largest general union, yesterday however disputed the SIB figures. Bill Day, GMB's pensions officer, said: "Our advice is that 2.75 million people have been wrongly advised to opt out of Serps. This is not an insignificant problem and the SIB should stop trying to sweep it under the carpet."

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.99	1.83
Austria Sch	17.36	15.86
Belgium Fr	50.75	46.45
Canada $	2.183	2.023
Cyprus Cyp£ .	0.760	0.705
Denmark Kr ...	9.58	8.78
Finland Mkk ...	7.75	7.10
France Fr	8.28	7.63
Germany Dm .	2.48	2.27
Greece Dr	386.00	361.00
Hong Kong $	12.38	11.38
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.2900	4.6400
Italy Lira	2467.00	2312.00
Japan Yen	175.40	159.40
Malta	0.593	0.548
Netherlds Gld	2.750	2.520
New Zealand $	2.35	2.13
Norway Kr	10.56	9.76
Portugal Esc ..	249.50	231.00
S Africa Rd	7.04	6.24
Spain Pta	201.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	10.85	10.05
Switzerland Fr	2.03	1.85
Turkey Lira	120908.	112908.
USA $	1.614	1.484

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

JOAN RUSSELL

Raymond Edwards, chairman, and John Ross, chief executive, of Charles Sidney, the Mercedes Benz motor distributor, yesterday celebrated a rise in half-year pre-tax profits from £1 million to £1.7 million and in half year dividends from 1.3p to 1.4p our of earnings up from 3.8p to 4p

Clinton prepares for sanctions war with China over $2bn piracy

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

THE Clinton administration yesterday put America on collision course with China by naming $3 billion worth of Chinese imports that will face prohibitive sanctions unless China immediately ends its piracy of US music, films and computer software.

China now has 30 days to satisfy Washington's demands before the sanctions — among the largest threatened — take effect. Peking has relented in similiar circumstances in the past but this time it is vowing to spark a multibillion-dollar trade war.

Sino-American relations are already inflamed over China's recent bullying of Taiwan and its export of dangerous nuclear and missile technologies to Third World countries but President Clinton is anxious to rebut Bob Dole's election-year charges that he is soft on China. Yesterday's announcement came after the breakdown of two days of last-ditch talks in Peking.

US negotiators complained that Peking had not adequately complied with a 1995 agreement to end intellectual piracy at about 30 factories in the province of Guangdong, worth an estimated $2.3 billion annually. China argued it had cracked down, but a State Department spokesman insisted US manufacturers were still "being ripped off".

A list of about $3 billion worth of Chinese imports — mostly textiles and electronics — that will face tariffs of 100 per cent or more has been published but will be pared down to about $2 billion, roughly equal to the economic harm being claimed by US companies, by June 15.

The sanctions are targeted to hurt Chinese government-owned factories and should please key southern US states where textiles are manufactured. The administration's tough stand is also likely to boost Mr Clinton's ratings in the critical state of California.

Under the sanctions the Chinese products would be subject to punitive tariffs of 100 per cent or more starting on June 17. They will take effect unless China does more to enforce the 1995 agreement.

The biggest single item on the sanctions list is $750 million in Chinese silk clothing. China provides 70 per cent of US silk imports, with the remaining 30 per cent from Thailand, India and other nations in Asia. In addition, the list includes $555 million in clothing from man-made fibres, $470 million in cotton products and $204 million in other textiles.

The $1 billion in electronic sanctions includes $500 million in telephone answering machines, fax machines, cellular phones and space heaters, and $500 million in surf boards, gymnasium equipment and other sporting goods.

Athletic shoes, another major Chinese import, are not targeted, in part because alternative supplies do not exist.

BP pulls out of Alliance Gas

By Carl Mortished

BRITISH PETROLEUM has decided to pull out of Alliance Gas, the joint venture gas marketing company owned by BP, Statoil and Norsk Hydro. The existing business, which controls 12 per cent of the industrial and commercial gas markets in the UK, will be divided between BP Gas, owned by British Petroleum, and Alliance Gas, of which Statoil will be the sole owner. Norsk Hydro is leaving the venture.

The new businesses will begin trading on August 1, and the customers, staff and assets are being divided between the former partners. BP said that it wished to meet the challenge of the growing new market for spot gas and the opportunity to trade gas through the Interconnector to the Continent. "BP wishes to achieve greater synergy with its other energy businesses by bringing its gas marketing activities fully under the BP brand."

Alliance Gas was set up in 1992, with BP owning 50 per cent, Statoil, of Norway, owning 40 per cent and Norsk Hydro owning 10 per cent. However, BP, which has ample gas supplies in the UK, is thought to be keen to secure more direct access to the market. Currently, Alliance gets supplies from the market as a whole.

Alliance currently supplies 24,000 premises throughout the UK. It made sales of 1.2 billion therms last year, a turnover of £315 million.

Statoil said that the joint venture had brought it to the top of the independent gas market and said it was intent on developing its presence in the UK and Ireland.

British Gas barks back

BRITISH GAS has responded to criticism from Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, that the company had reacted emotionally to her pricing proposals. It is also seeking reports by independent advisers to Ofgas to compare figures.

The company and the watchdog are in a consultation period until firm targets are set on the pricing curbs for TransCo, British Gas's pipeline business. In response to an anticipated letter from Ms Spottiswoode, British Gas said it stands by its figures.

Luminar valued at £30m

By Philip Pangalos

SHARES in Luminar have been priced at 200p each, capitalising the fast-growing theme bar, restaurant and discothèque group at £30 million.

The company, which was founded in 1987 and now runs a 14-strong Chicago Rock Café chain as well as 18 discos, is raising £10 million through a placing of 5.14 million shares with institutional and other investors.

Half the proceeds from the placing will be used to reduce borrowings, with the balance to fund future expansion. Luminar is currently planning three more Chicago Rock Cafés and a nightclub.

Existing institutional and other shareholders are selling 15.7 per cent of the company's enlarged share capital. Mercury Asset Management will have 51 per cent of the equity post-float, while a management team will have a 9 per cent stake and Lazards 6 per cent. Strand Partners are sponsors to the float and dealings are due to begin on May 20.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Half a million apply for Railtrack shares

MORE than half a million people have applied for shares in Railtrack, forcing the Government to boost the small shareholders' allocation from 30 per cent to as high as 50 per cent of next week's £1.9 billion offer. At the noon deadline for the UK public offer yesterday Share Shops had received just over 500,000 valid applications, about a quarter of the 1.9 million who registered for the flotation. The response compares with the one million people who applied for the £4 billion sale of generating company shares last year.

Government advisers said that they were delighted with the response to the low-key marketing campaign for the offer, which has been heavily overshadowed by Labour threats to impose heavy regulation on the company. It is believed that the retail offer was between two and two-and-a-half times oversubscribed. Shares will now be clawed back from the institutional offer to increase the retail allocation to between 45 and 50 per cent. The international offer is also set to be several times oversubscribed, making it virtually certain that the shares will be priced at the top end of their 350p to 390p indicative range.

Jeens with the Woolwich

THE Woolwich Building Society has filled one of its two top vacancies, with the appointment of Rob Jeens, former finance head at Kleinwort Benson, as its new finance director. But the society is still searching for a chief executive to replace Peter Robinson, ousted in April. Mr Jeens had been finance director at Kleinwort Benson since 1992. He left earlier this year after last year's acquisition of the investment bank by Germany's Dresdner Bank, seeking a post with a UK FT-SE company.

P&O denies merger

P&O, the ferry operator, has denied that it has specific plans to merge with its main rival after asking the Government to lift restrictions preventing them merging their cross-Channel routes. P&O and Stena, its main rival on the Dover-Calais route, promised in 1974 not to merge their services. Lord Sterling, P&O chairman, yesterday wrote to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, saying the restrictions were now redundant after the opening of the Channel Tunnel. P&O tried to have them lifted in February 1993.

Williams buys in France

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS, the UK conglomerate, yesterday bought two French companies for £175 million in a move to expand its fire protection business. The purchase of Sicli, France's largest fire protection company, and Sides, a fire and rescue vehicle manufacturer, is William's biggest acquisition since the £380 million purchase of Yale in 1991. The deal will provide Kidde, Williams's existing fire protection company, with wider distribution and greater availabilty of products. The shares rose 7p to 229p.

Rethink on PPI claim

THE joint administrators of Polly Peck International (PPI) appear to have backed off in their fight to compensate creditors over the activities of Elizabeth Forsyth, jailed last month for handling stolen funds. Deloitte & Touche confirmed that it is considering seeking compensation from SG Warburg Soditic AG, the Swiss company that allegedly paid £400,000 of PPI money to Mrs Forsyth in error. However, the firm has retreated from the threat of action against SBC Warburg, the investment banking group no longer connected with SG Warburg Soditic.

Cash for Harlequins

JOHN and Peter Beckwith, the property businessmen, yesterday joined the scrum of financiers investing in rugby with a £3 million injection for Harlequins, the rugby union club. The money will be invested by Riverside Sports, a subsidiary of Riverside health and fitness group. Riverside is majority owned by the brothers who made a fortune with the sale of London and Edinburgh Trust, the property company. The funds will used to invest in the team and provide money for an all-seater stadium at the club's Stoop Memorial ground.

Celltech shares jump

SHARES of Celltech, the biotechnology company, rose 38p to 673p yesterday after advances in two of its most important product development programmes and lower pre-tax losses. In the half year to the end of March, Celltech lost £3.7 million compared with a £4.1 million loss in the previous period, on turnover of £9.5 million, up 32 per cent. The company said tests of an antibody used to reduce inflammation in victims of Crohn's disease were "encouraging" as were tests of another drug for leukaemia patients.

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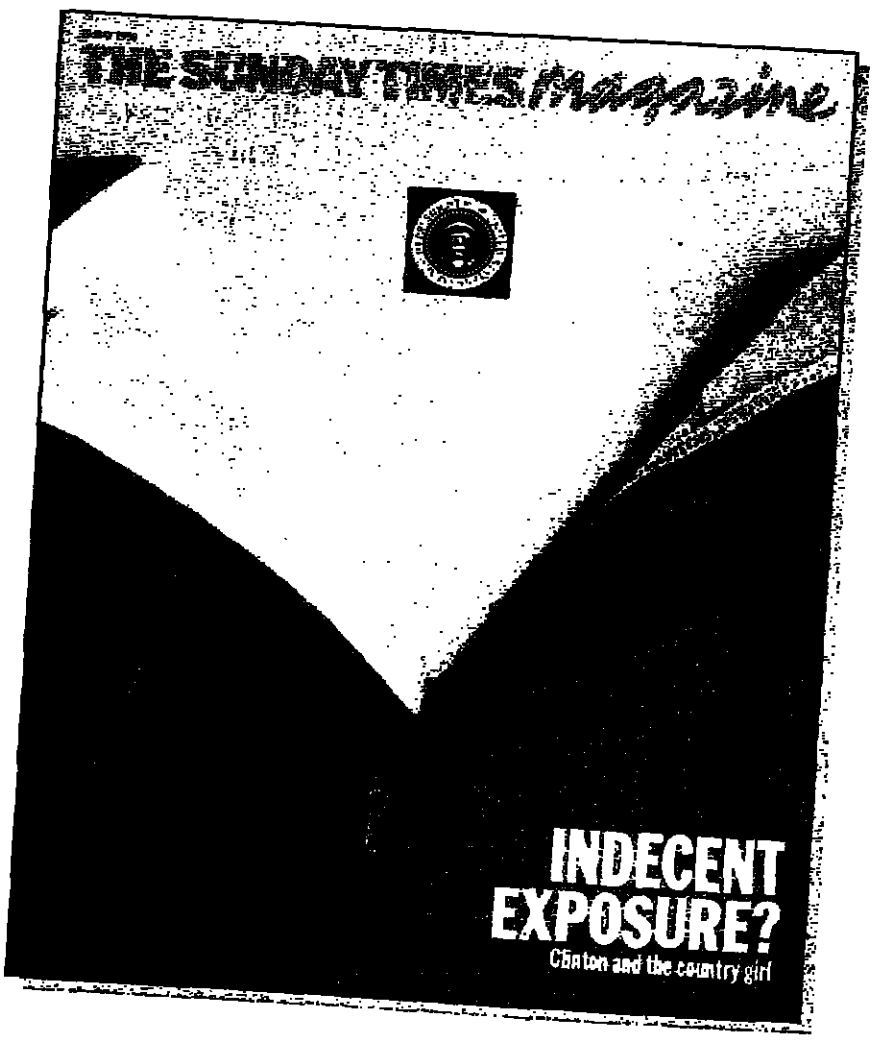

THE UNDOING OF A PRESIDENT

Either Bill Clinton dropped his pants in that hotel room, or he didn't. In The Sunday Times **Magazine**, Russell Miller investigates the fall-out from the president's alleged sexual misconduct in 1991

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Facility Group Interiors Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at *The Pastoria Hotel*, 3 St Martins Street, Leicester Sq. London WC2H 7HL at 2.30 PM on 29 May 1996 for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are entitled to vote if:-

They have delivered to us at Clareville House, 26/27 Oxendon Street, London, SW1Y 4EP no later than 12.00 hours on 28 May 1996 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986:

and

There has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

DATED THIS 13.5.1996

N H O'Reilly, Joint Administrative Receiver

In the matter of Rochdale Leo Limited

Rochdale Churchgate Limited

Team Devlopment Limited

Glyptohealth Limited (formerly Transcare Health Limited)

Glyptobuild Limited (formerly Team Design & Build Limited)

and in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

Notice is hereby given that PJ Beirne and R Smith of KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP United Kingdom were appointed joint liquidators of the above companies on 7 May 1996.

The creditors of the above-named companies are required, on or before 14 June 1996, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Peter Joseph Beirne of KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP United Kingdom, joint liquidator of the said companies, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said joint liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Date 10 May 1996

PJ Beirne, Joint Liquidator

In the matter of Glyptotech Plc (formerly Team Services Plc)

and

in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

Notice is hereby given that PJ Beirne and R Smith of KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP United Kingdom were appointed joint liquidators of the company on 8 May 1996.

The creditors of the above-named company are required, on or before 14 June 1996, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Peter Joseph Beirne of KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP United Kingdom, joint liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said joint liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

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PJ Beirne, Joint Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION
Notice to creditors
- on appointment by the Secretary of State
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF ERNEST GEORGE AVIATION LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

On 28 July 1993 the High Court made a winding up order for the company and on 29 October 1993 the Secretary of State appointed Peter N Spratt and Anthony V Lomas of Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1HB as its liquidators.

Creditors of the company are requested to send details, in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidators, at the above address. The claims must be made on a form 4.25.

As required by section 137 of the Insolvency Act 1986, I confirm that the liquidators are not calling a meeting of creditors to the company under the provisions of section 141 to form a liquidation committee as there are insufficient funds and limited known assets of the company remaining. If creditors wish the liquidators to call a meeting of creditors they can request them to do so in the way specified in rule 4.67 of the Insolvency Rules 1986.

P N Spratt, Joint Liquidator.
Dated 9 May 1996

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
YOUNGER FURNITURE (LONDON) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Lake Hotel, 234 London Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire on Thursday 16 May 1996 at 10.00a.m. to consider the Joint Administrators' proposals.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD by no later than 12.00 noon on 15 May 1996.

Rule 2.2(1)

Subject as follows, the meeting of creditors in Administration proceedings a person entitled to vote if:-

a. He has given to the Administrators, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt which he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the following provisions of this Rule, and,

b. There has been lodged with the Administrators any proxy which he intends to be used on his behalf.

DATED this 2nd day of May 1996

N J HAMILTON-SMITH and M W YOUNG, JOINT ADMINISTRATORS

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P N Spratt, Joint Liquidator
Dated. 9 May 1996

No. 002387 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF WELLESLEY BARRETT INSURANCE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 26 April 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the reduction of the capital of the above named company from £1,500,000 to £300,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on 12 June 1996.

ANY creditor or shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A COPY of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 10th day of May 1996.
Nabarro Nathanson, 50 Stratton Street, London W1X 6NX
Tel: 0171 493 3434.
Ref: AA/DRG/W1458/4.
Solicitors for the Petitioning Company.

ARISTOCRAT GOURMET FOODS LIMITED
Registered No. 2960095

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the abovenamed company will be held at 1 Snow Hill, London, EC1A 2EN at 11.00 a.m on the 28th May 1996, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receiver(s) under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks it fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on the creditor's committees by or under the Act. Creditors are only entitled to vote if:

(a) they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 1200 hours on the 24th May 1996 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, and:

(b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Dated: 14th May 1996
Peter Lawrence, Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SACKVILLE LODGE NURSERIES (RISELEY) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 30 May 1996 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts, at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA, 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

DATED this 7th day of May 1996
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D WILKINSON, DIRECTOR

HOLDSWORTH CABLE INSTALLATIONS LIMITED

Registered Number: 2855081. Trading Names: Holdsworth Cable Installations Limited. Nature of business: General Construction and Demolition. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 9 May 1996. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): National Westminster Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: David Harry Gilbert and Peter Richard Copp, (office holder nos: 2376/01 and 1788/01). Address: BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
REDFELT LIMITED
formerly D R FLEET & COMPANY LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that J B Stephenson of Neville Russell, 34 Bevis Marks, London, EC3A 7NR was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 1 May 1996 by The Members.

Dated May 13 1996.
J B Stephenson, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
MASTERORANGE LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 10th April 1996.

M.R. DORRINGTON. FIPA. Liquidator

☐ Options for change at C&W ☐ Littlechild's advice to PowerGen ☐ Guidance, please, for happy retirements

Holding the line for 1997

DICK BROWN was noticeably short of clues yesterday about just what he plans for Cable and Wireless when he arrives in July. As an outside candidate for the chief executive's post he probably does not have much of an idea himself yet. Now might be a good time to give him some help.

C&W, after the collapse of merger talks with British Telecom, is having trouble justifying its existence. The American is joining a company that looks like an investment trust but does not act like one.

He inherits a presence in some 50 countries. Typically, C&W buys a non-controlling stake in the second biggest telecoms operator in any given market, such as Optus in Australia, and profits when that company floats or becomes strong enough to put a dent in the main operator.

C&W's problem is partly that this scattergun approach has left it with too many minority positions in too many countries, and partly that it does not known when to leave well alone. Instead of letting the local team decide what is best for their patch, head office insists on parachuting in one of its own to guide them. A true investment trust does not work that way.

Mr Brown may decide to stick with the investment trust approach, but doing so would be unwise because conglomerates, are not the most efficient generators of value — or so says the stock market. One choice is to become more of an operator and less of an investor. He could clear out all but the largest and most promising minorities and become more imaginative in what he does with those.

Hongkong Telecom, the biggest company in the portfolio, would be the best place to start. C&W has ruled out selling all or part of it to mainland Chinese interests even though there are plenty of geopolitical pundits who think Swire Pacific was smart in doing just that with Cathay Pacific. There is a big risk that the Chinese will tamper with Hongkong Telecom, but it is one worth taking. Hongkong Telecom is the dominant phone company and Peking probably can be persuaded that the territory's role as a leading financial centre would be jeopardised if it were not left alone.

But C&W should not stop there. Hongkong Telecom sits on the doorstep of the world's biggest potential market and any number of big operators, ranging from AT&T to the about-to-be-privatised Deutsche Telekom, would love an entry though a partnership or alliance. C&W should try to persuade Peking that linking Hongkong Telecom with other phone groups would enhance the company's value and therefore the attraction of the territory as a telecoms hub. With little more than a year left before the Union Jack comes down, time is running out. Securing Hongkong Telecom's future should be Mr Brown's first priority.

A regulator writes...

☐ *ED WALLIS of PowerGen is scanning the post for a letter that will set his mind at rest. Left at the altar by Midlands, he wants a promise from Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, of his blessing for any future match. Professor Littlechild has been kind enough to indicate his response.*

PENNINGTON

Dear Ed,

May I at first express my sympathy for your earlier disappointment, even if I did do my best to bring it about. I was unhappy about your merger with Midlands purely on the grounds that the sort of link you proposed went against the structure of the industry I inherited as regulator. That I was one of the people who first created that structure, you may be assured, had no bearing on my decision.

The Government backed my views — a pleasant change, that — on rather different grounds. We all know that the block on your merger with Midlands by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was a political decision. It was aimed at preventing further damaging takeovers ahead of an election.

You want a written guarantee from me now that any future moves you make to enhance your market position will not meet regulatory opposition. I am afraid it would be irresponsible of me to grant your wishes. For a start, I fail to see how your purchase of Midlands and the sale I required of your power plant are linked.

Your own projections show that by the year 2000 you and the privatised nukes will have 17 per cent of the generating market, National Power 21 per cent and various independents will between them control 26 per cent. That sounds to me pretty close to the sort of competitive market in generation that we should have created six years ago.

Any assurance I give would not, of course, be binding, on me or on any successor to this post, so I am not quite sure what use it would be. In any event, recent events at Ofgas do not much incline me to be generous. Clare Spottiswoode has shown the political capital to be made out of being tough on regulated utilities. Any show of tenderness now might be my last.

You will have to plough your own furrow on this one, and trust like the rest of us to the mercies of whoever may be running the country at the relevant time. Life goes on, and yesterday's profits statement from you does not suggest it is too arduous.

Apologies for being so blunt.

Yours, Stephen.

Pensions mess still in a tangle

☐ IT would be a happy day if yesterday's publication by the Securities and Investments Board on Serps-related personal pension policies drew a final line under the whole ghastly personal pension mis-selling scandal. Sadly not so.

The SIB says it has conducted research into special personal pensions sold by life companies to those tempted to opt out of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme by Government advertising campaigns of the late 1980s and hugely generous incentives to do so. As a result of this research, which was double-checked by Coopers & Lybrand, the SIB has ruled out a full-scale Serps review. Just as well, given that the inquiry into the million-plus people wrongly advised to shun their occupational pension scheme is bogged down and years behind schedule.

With some notable exceptions, life companies are still up to their old tricks. When confronted with something nasty — in this case a compensation and costs bill of up to £4 billion — the insurers hope that if they stall long enough it will all go away. Wrong. As Sir Andrew Large, the SIB chairman, made clear yesterday, some tough disciplinary action on the pension review foot-draggers can be expected shortly.

More pertinent, however, is what happens now. Both main political parties are publicly committed to making us all do more to provide for a financially comfortable future. And rightly so, given the demographics; Frank Field, never short of common sense on the subject, made clear earlier this week his view that the 1950s and 1960s that saw the full flowering of a cradle-to-grave benefits system for all were a historical anomaly.

But what exactly are we supposed to do? It would be helpful for a start if we knew how much we should save, and what pittance will come from the State. The first need is for a proper educational campaign to help us plan for a happy retirement.

Greenalls hit by fears for FT-SE place

By Alasdair Murray

SHARES in Greenalls, the pub and leisure group, took a beating yesterday as fears grew that it could lose its place in the FT-SE 100 index after the next review. Greenalls' shares fell 20½p to 590½p, despite a 44 per cent increase in half-year profits to £57 million. Investors are worried that the share price will tumble if the company drops out of the FT-SE 100 and FT-SE index funds sell their stakes.

Greenalls' place in the FT-SE 100 is under threat after the merger of United News & Media and MAI and from the recent flotations of Orange and Railtrack.

Greenalls' profits were given a boost by the inclusion of Boddington pubs, which the company purchased last year for £500 million. Restructuring is now almost complete and Boddington has added £13 million profits to the group in the six months to March 29.

Greenalls added that it intended to concentrate on organic growth in the second half but hoped to make cost savings of £18 million over the year from the integration of Boddington.

Operating profit on continuing operations was up 6.8 per cent to £60.7 million. The hotel and leisure division increased profits by 38 per cent to £16 million, helped by a stong performance by the enlarged branded pubs and restaurants businesses. Sales of food and drink in the division increased by around 13 per cent.

De Vere hotels benefited from the improving market and profits rose 10 per cent to £10.6 million. Occupancy was up 3 percentage points to 69 per cent. The company said it was continuing its exit from three-star hotels and plans to sell a further three hotels in the second half. The retailing and wholesaling division increased profits 20 per cent to £21.6 million. The interim is 8 per cent up at 6.22p, payable July 5.

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Shares hit by Arjo pessimism

By Philip Pangalos

SHARES in Arjo Wiggins Appleton dipped 4p to 174p after the Anglo-French paper group warned its annual meeting that it anticipated "poor" first-half results and an uncertain outlook for the rest of the year.

Cob Stenham, chairman, told shareholders that the pessimism expressed in March remained valid, with the company facing "a number of difficult issues".

Mr Stenham said that just as Arjo was squeezed when the pulp price rose, it should benefit from the current trend of falling prices.

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OFT gives warning to energy firms

By Christine Buckley

THE Office of Fair Trading sounded a sharp warning to energy companies entering new domestic markets, saying they would face court action if they stepped over the mark on marketing and trading.

The warning from John Bridgeman, Director of Fair Trading, came after an inquiry into Swebgas in South West England. Last month, when competition began in the region, nearly 3,000 British Gas customers said that they had been wrongly switched to Swebgas or or had been contracted away from British Gas without realising it. Swebgas has satisfied Mr Bridgeman about future practices.

Compagnie Financière Ottomane SA
Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
Dividend Notice

Distributions in respect of the year 1995 will be payable on 22 May 1996 as below.

To holders of Ordinary shares
A dividend of FRF 14.00 per share before tax.

To holders of Founders' shares
A dividend of FRF 17,361 per share before tax.

Agreement has been reached with the relevant tax authorities whereby UK resident shareholders submitting current bearer share and Founders' share coupons numbers 123 and 66 respectively to the paying agents including full details of shareholders' name and address which, together with details of the dividend payment will be forwarded to the Inland Revenue, will suffer a deduction of Luxembourg withholding tax at the reduced rate of 15%. Together with a further 5% UK tax, the effective tax rate on current dividend payments will be 20%.

This opportunity will be available for all current coupon applications made up to 31 December 1996. Thereafter, all current and previous dividend payments will be subject to the full Luxembourg withholding tax of 25% and UK shareholders wishing to benefit under the UK/Luxembourg Double Tax Treaty must apply for repayment of excess tax in the normal way.

The dividend payable to registered ordinary shareholders will be in sterling at the exchange rate on 1 May 1996, when the shares were listed ex-dividend, of FRF 7.75 equals £1.

Holders of ordinary bearer shares coupon 123 and Founders' shares coupon 66 will be paid in sterling at the exchange rate applicable on the day the coupons are cleared for payment.

Holders of coupons 123 and 66 should apply for dividend application forms to:-

Barclays Global Securities Services
8 Angel Court
Throgmorton Street
London
EC2R 7HT

15 May 1996

YOU'LL ALWAYS FIND US JUST AHEAD OF THE COMPETITION.

With the approval of our shareholders at the AGM in July, we're changing our name from Argyll Group PLC to Safeway plc. It's a change which, along with the 1995/6 results announced this week, underlines the growing strength of Safeway. Our sales, market share and profit are all growing. And we're leading the industry in making shopping easier for our customers. When it comes to new ideas, Safeway is always one step ahead.

SAFEWAY

STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Utilities suffer again on Brown's threat of levy

UTILITY companies came under the hammer again after the Labour Party threatened to impose a special levy on them if it gets into power at the next election. Electricity, water and gas suppliers all fell sharply as Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, again raised the possibilty of introducing a special utility levy.

It proved too much for those already under threat of tougher regulatory pressures. **PowerGen**, which unveiled a reasonable set of figures and promised to buy back its own shares, fell 10p to 537p.

There were also falls in **Yorkshire Electricity**, 18p to 744p, **Southern Electric**, 15p to 798p, **London Electricity**, 12p to 740p, and **Southern Water**, 7p to 693p. **British Gas** continued to lose ground, ending 6½p easier at 188½p.

The rest of the market again took its lead from Wall Street's bullish mood. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its best of the day, with a rise of 16.5 points to 3,776.2 after the Dow Jones put on nearly 50 points in early trading.

Bid speculation continued to swirl around **Bank of Scotland** as the price rose 9p to 258p. On Monday, Standard Life confirmed its 32.2 per cent stake was up for sale. The sale, reckoned to be worth £900 million, could be the prelude to a full bid. The entire company is capitalised at almost £3 million.

British Steel shrugged off recent weakness, closing 3½p better at 183p after giving a positive presentation to brokers in Sheffield. **Shell** jumped 39p to 939p, with Merrill Lynch, the broker, suggesting the shares could reach 970p in the short term after last week's bumper first-quarter profits news.

A buy recommendation from BZW ahead of next week's figures lifted **Courtaulds**, the textiles producer, 16p to 427p.

Several large lines of stock came on offer, including 4.9 million **P&O** at 508p, leaving the price 2p easier at 518p. There was also reckoned to be four million Prudential Corporation on offer as the price slipped 2p to 443p.

Cable and Wireless, the takeover target, fell 5p to 464p after naming the American Richard Brown as its new chief executive after months of agonising over the decision. He is currently chief executive of HR Block, parent company of CompuServe. Mr Brown faces the task of steering C&W back on a growth tack after the breakdown of merger talks with BT. City opinion suggests the group has lost its way and is merely drifting.

BT rose 7½p to 334p ahead of figures later today. These are likely to be overshadowed by publication next week of Oftel's pricing formula. In the wake of Ofgas's price formula, there is a concern that BT may be forced to drop prices and cut jobs.

Argyll, the supermarket chain, slipped 3p to 340p with a strong surge in profits and increased sales being countered by news of a reduced margins. Pre-tax profits before exceptional items grew from £175.6 million to £401.2 million with like-for-like sales almost 8 per cent higher. Alastair Grant, chairman, wants to ask shareholders for permission to buy back up to 10 per cent of the shares.

Corporate Services, the employment agency which recently bought Blue Arrow, stood out with a rise of 8p at 153p. The shares are continuing to benefit from a recent buy recommendation published by Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker. It says the Blue Arrow acquisition will enable the group to accelerate earnings growth and maintains the shares continue to trade at a 50 per cent discount to the support services sector.

Century Inns, the pub chain operator, firmed 1p to 138p on the back of half-year figures showing profits almost doubled and the news that a large chunk of the company had changed hands. UBS, the broker, has placed Schroder Venture Capital's remaining 17 per cent stake in Century with a total of 14 institutions. The 6.75 million shares were placed at 133p each.

Alistair Arkley of Century Inns, subject of a major placing

Century, whose chief executive is Alistair Arkley, came to market via UBS towards the end of last year after attempts at an earlier flotation by Smith New Court had to be pulled when the Office of Fair Trading launched an inquiry into the tied-house trade.

Arjo Wiggins Appleton nursed a fall of 4p at 174p, with Cob Stenham, chairman, confirming City speculation that first-half results from the paper supplier will be disappointing.

A profits warning from **Amstrad Consumer Electronics** left it 32½p down at 173½p as more than two million shares changed hands. The group says profits at its Dancall Telecom subsidiary would fail to live up to expectations. It blamed blaming overcapacity in the market-place.

Half-year figures from **Greenalls**, Britain's biggest pubs operator, offered few surprises but the shares fell 20½p to 590½p as market-makers took action to avoid a large seller of the shares.

Commercial Union rose 6p to 629p despite a downbeat talk to brokers after publication of first-quarter figures showing a drop in profits.

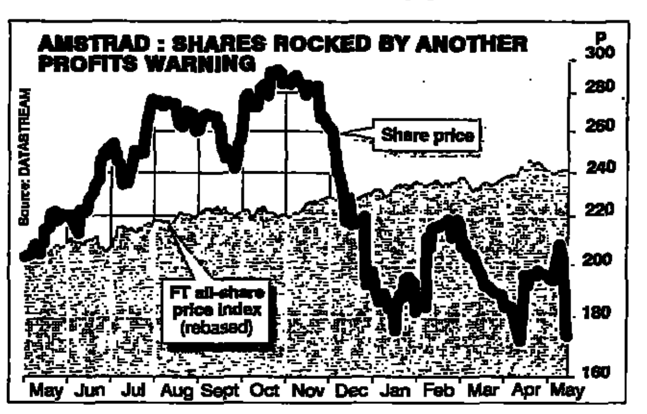
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Hopes of an imminent cut in interest rates took a knock after the latest unemployment and average earnings information. Prices at the longer end of the market closed near the bottom, with losses stretching to £½ after attempts at a rally towards the close quickly fizzled out.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt ended £½ down at £106 5/32 as a total of 60,000 contracts were completed.

In longs, treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell £17/32 to £97 3/16, while at the shorter end treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished seven ticks off at £102 7/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Blue chips moved back into favour on Wall Street to maintain the strong momentum of five strong sessions. The Dow Jones industrial average was 28.81 points higher by midday at 5,653.52.

Elecktrowatt, the Swiss group, has disposed of its 40 per cent stake in Eurodis Electron. The 23.6 million shares were placed by UBS, the broker, with 50 institutions at 220p a share, valuing the entire stake at about £52 million. Eurodis ended 4p firmer at 230p, but the move scuppers talk of a bid.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5653.52 (+28.81)
S&P Composite	668.06 (+2.46)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	22055.97 (+754.92)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10863.83 (+45.95)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	558.93 (+1.02)
Sydney:	
AO	2260.2 (-1.6)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2528.75 (+9.02)
Singapore:	
Straits	2321.50 (-43.67)
Brussels:	
General	9214.22 (+30.33)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2124.64 (+2.56)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	784.40 (-1.70)
London:	
FT 30	2812.6 (+10.9)
FT 100	3776.2 (+16.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	4508.8 (-1.0)
FT-SE-A 350	1911.3 (+6.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1662.60 (+3.79)
FT A All-Share	1896.33 (+6.08)
FT Non Financials	2016.79 (+4.65)
FT Fixed Interest	111.85 (-0.07)
FT Govt Secs	92.27 (-0.21)
Bargains	34002
SEAQ Volume	839.8m
USM (Datastrm)	220.35 (+1.72)
US$	1.5131 (-0.0029)
German Mark	2.3205 (-0.0075)
Exchange Index	84.5 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2154
£:SDR	1.0496
RPI	151.5 Mar (2.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	150.9 Mar (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIM Distribution	94		...
Active Imaging	116		...
Atlantis Jap Wts	2½	+	¼
Atlantis Japan Gwth	7	+	¼
Biocompatibles Uts	155	-	5
CA Coutts (105)	120		...
Cairngorm BS IT Ut	925		...
Cairngorm Unit Wts	238		...
Cap for Co's VCT (100)	95		...
FNR	39		...
Gartmore Select Jap	96	+	1
Gartmore Select Wts	32	+	1½
Just Group	4½	+	¼
Just Group Wts	2		...
La Senza (150)	158		...
MSB Intl	241		...
Malden Group	275		...
Millnm & Cop (278)	336	+	4
Perp Inc & Gth Wts	19		...
Premiere Group	140	+	2
Reflec	58	+	5
Singer & Frd AIM Wts	11		...
Singer & Fried AIM	98		...
Sira Bus Svs Wts	1½		...
Sira Business Svs	4½	+	¼
Stentor	93		...
Tom Hoskins	53		...
Tradepoint Fincl	185		...
Vanguard Medica	598	-	12
Waterfall (45)	52		...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Knox D'Arcy n/p	¼		...
On Demand n/p (180)	1½	-	1
Queensbrgh n/p (28)	2		...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Celltech	673p (+38p)
Alders	223p (+12p)
Bluebird Toys	245p (+13p)
Scotia	800p (+18p)
Micro Focus	950p (+50p)

FALLS:

Atlas Equip	788p (-10p)
Danka Bs Sys	830p (-10p)
Wace	204p (-19p)

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TEMPUS

Taking the safe way

THERE is no doubting the strength of Britain's leading food retailers. Given the growth prospects, the sector as a whole is under-rated but the future lies with the big four grocers. Successful inroads into higher margin non-food combined with the decline of the discount retailers augurs well for Britain's superstore owners.

The question is which of the four companies offers the best return. Argyll — henceforth Safeway — is notching up sales gains, stealing market share from rivals, and is well on course to reach its sales per square foot target of £15. But what then?

Profits should grow in the medium term with efficiency gains that help offset the investment in sales through keener pricing. The store opening programme is aggressive at 16 for the current year but Safeway, as with the sector as a whole, will soon be cash neutral and it needs to find a use for its funds.

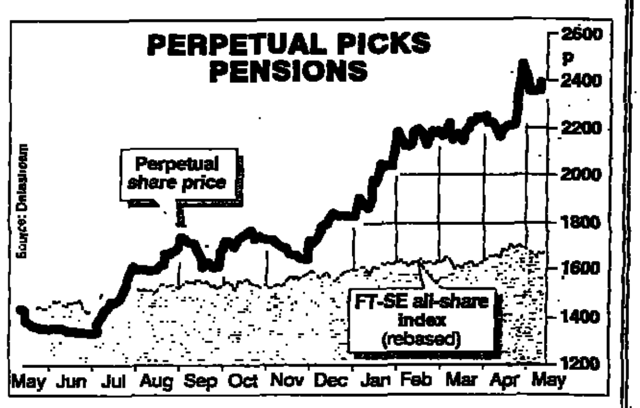
The retailer is priming itself for a share buyback, which could be earnings enhancing up to a share price of about 600p. With a current price of 340p there is plenty of latitude not least because Safeway made a tidy £123 million through the undwinding of cross shareholdings with European retailers. The remaining question remains one of long-term growth. Rival grocers have developed extra legs — Sainsbury in DIY and the USA, Tesco in continental Europe — but Safeway has yet to venture elsewhere. Safeway shares are trading at about 12 times earnings, a small discount to Tesco. This looks fair and there is still growth in the sector as a whole but Safeway needs a more imaginative strategy to narrow the gap with the market leader.

Perpetual

PERPETUAL gained a large slug of the new money that flooded into personal equity plans in March, gaining £735 million of new funds during the interim period. Success breeds success in fund management: Perpetual grew its funds under management at a compound rate of 60 per cent from 1991 to 1995. Such a rapid rate suggests that Perpetual's "mountain" logo is more of a volcano and investors may wonder when the explosive growth will slow.

So it is interesting that Perpetual intends to attack the pensions market, with plans to launch a group money purchase product within 12 months. Perpetual is not losing ground in Peps, rather the contrary, but there are signs that profit margins in this area are under pressure. Front-end charges on unit trusts are being sacrificed by several fund managers and annual fees are being trimmed as well.

Successful houses like Perpetual argue that a good five-year performance renders the front-end fee nugatory, given the capital accumulated for the investor over the period. Yet, that argument can only be sustained with continuing outperformance and the law of averages suggests that sooner or later Perpetual will have a duff year. When that happens, Perpetual may have to think again about charges which is a good reason for it to be thinking about diversification.



Arjo Wiggins

RAIN, snow or shine, the weather is never right for Arjo Wiggins Appleton. When pulp prices are rising, the company finds it difficult to pass on the cost quickly enough. When they fall, demand for its products slips away, and, with it, the price increases that the company had managed to achieve.

Arjo is still feeling the effect of destocking by paper merchants who built up supplies last year. Sluggish economic growth on the Continent means demand is weak both for fine paper and for the carbonless paper used for credit card slips.

There is probably little Arjo can do to escape the cycle; it is at the mercy of merchants who keep stocks low when the pulp price is falling in an effort to drive down paper prices further. To make matters worse, paper manufacturers have been adding capacity, and another 10 per cent is expected to come on stream in Europe this year.

In spite of Arjo's bearish AGM statement, the share market seems to think that the cycle has hit the bottom and is already second-guessing recovery in 1997. On estimates of £200 million profits, the rating looks modest, at less than 11 times earnings, but another profit warning cannot be ruled out.

Greenalls

GREENALLS took a battering on the Stock Exchange yesterday for reasons that had little to do with its half-year results. The company was promoted to the FT-SE 100 after the takeover of Forte by Granada earlier this year, but now finds its position under threat from the merger of MAI and United News and Media and the recent flotations of Railtrack and Orange. Just as shares in Greenalls were lifted by index funds buying into the company on its entry to the FT-SE 100, so its price was marked down yesterday in anticipation of its relegation.

Greenalls was quick to see that small brewers had an uncertain future, and correctly surmised that food could provide a solution for the struggling pub market. The result has been a healthy rise in both food and drink sales as new customers are attracted to the group's more family-friendly estate. Greenalls also has a location advantage on many competitors in that it focuses on the less highly developed northern region of England.

Overall, the business is sound. Greenalls expects cost savings of £18 million from the Boddington pub deal, with further investment planned over the next half year. Yesterday's dive in the share price took the company's rating from a generous 16 times earnings to a more realistic 15 times. Shareholders should keep their nerve and wait for the rebound.

EDITED BY CARL MORTISHED

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	1090-1086	Jul	1065-1062
Jul	1124-1123	Sep	1077-1074
Sep	1142-1141	Dec	1095-1085
Dec	1048-1047	Mar	1105-1095
Mar	1045-1044		
May	1057-1056		Volume: 3232

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	2015-2010	Jan	1916-1915
Jul	1958-1956	Mar	1885-1884
Sep	1947-1945	May	1860-1840
Nov	1940-1939		Volume: 2985

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	332.0-31.0
Spot: 401.0		May	330.7-29.1
Aug	377.5-76.0	Aug	330.7-27.6
Oct	345.2-43.7	Oct	317.0-14.0
Dec	336.2-35.0		Volume: 1880

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	117.83	131.13	155.44
(+/-)	+7.40	-7.30	-32.23
Eng/Wales:	118.41	154.35	100.19
(+/-)	+8.02	-33.20	+0.08
(%)	-4.0	+31.0	+19.0
Scotland:	107.27	162.56	101.53
(+/-)	-3.74	-2.06	+3.51
(%)	-18.0	+84.0	-17.0

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CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.50	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.30	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.50	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	21.20	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.30	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	235 (+1)	237 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	179 (-1)	181 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	101 (-1)	103 (-1)
Naphtha	192 (+1)	195 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	166.50-66.75	Sep	162.75-63.00
Jul	164.00-64.25	Oct	163.00-63.50
Aug	162.75-63.00		Vol: 9110

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	19.30-19.33	Sep	17.60 BID
Jul	18.50-18.55	Oct	17.39-17.41
Aug	17.95-17.99		Vol: 34392

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	125.50	May	115.50
Jul	127.65	Sep	109.75
Sep	116.65	Nov	111.25
Nov	118.55	Jan	113.45
Jan	120.25	Mar	114.50
	Volume: 338		Volume: 3

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Jun	unq	225.0
Nov	..	82.5
Mar	..	110.0
		Volume: 62

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
May 103.25-103.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 96	—	—	—
Jun 96	—	—	—
Jul 96	1260	1255	1255
Oct 96	1355	1350	1355
Vol: 43 lots			Open Interest: 4449

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2735.0-2738.0	2646.0-2647.0	2008675
Lead ($/tonne)	842.50-843.00	839.50-840.00	170000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1042.0-1043.0	1068.5-1069.5	630175
Tin ($/tonne)	6510.0-6515.0	6520.0-6525.0	19495
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1599.0-1600.0	1633.5-1634.0	1892225
Nickel ($/tonne)	8018.0-8020.0	8115.0-8120.0	89230

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	500	15	28½	33½	18½	24	34
(*502)	550	4½	11½	15½	99	61	66½
Argyll	330	16½	24	29½	11½	16½	20½
(*340)	360	4	11	16½	31	34½	38
ASDA	110	11	13½	15½	1½	4	5
(*118½)	120	5	7½	10	5½	8	9½
Boots	600	34	44	53	10½	18	23½
(*627)	650	8	20	28½	39½	45	50
Br Airways	500	48	55	62½	4½	10	15
(*544½)	550	14½	25	33½	25	31	36
BP	550	40	49	57	5	12½	16
(*579½)	600	11½	21½	30	26½	34½	39
Br Steel	180	8	11½	14½	8½	11½	14
(*183)	200	1	4½	7½	24½	25½	27½
C & W	460	21	32	42	16½	26½	33½
(*464)	500	7	16	25½	45	51	57
CU	600	42½	51½	62½	7½	19	22½
(*628½)	650	15½	25½	35½	31	44½	47½
ICI	850	45½	60	77½	11½	28	34
(*874)	900	20	34½	51½	36	53½	59
Kingfishr	550	46	59	73½	6	13½	19
(*585½)	600	15½	29½	44½	26½	35	40½
Land Sec	650	15½	28	33½	21	24½	30½
(*657½)	700	1½	8	17	63	63	65½
M & S	420	14	22½	29½	10	15½	19½
(*428½)	460	1½	7½	13	40½	42	44
Nat West	600	56	64	76½	4½	16	21
(*644)	650	23½	34½	48½	21½	36½	43
Sainsbury	360	28½	34	39½	4	8	12
(*388½)	390	8½	17½	23	17½	21½	26
Shell	900	53	67½	76½	6½	15½	19½
(*939)	950	20½	35½	46½	24½	36½	41
Smkl Bch	638	41	56	—	10	19½	—
(*659)	687	17	32	—	35	47½	—
Storehse	300	30½	37	—	3	7½	—
(*327)	330	10	19	—	14	19½	—
Trafalgar	50	1½	1½	—	0½	0½	—
(*50½)	60	0	0	—	9½	9½	—
Unilever	1200	57	82	93½	10	20	24½
(*1235)	1250	26½	50	63	29½	40½	45
Zeneca	1350	87	117½	147	23	51	63½
(*1394½)	1400	58	88½	120½	49½	73½	86
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Grnd Met	420	23½	35	43	0	10½	13½
(*443½)	460	0	14½	23	16½	30½	33½
Ladbroke	180	9	21	23½	0	9	12½
(*189)	200	0	11	14½	11	20	23
Utd Bisc	220	7	18½	22½	0	8	11
(*227)	240	0	9	12½	13	19	21½

May 15, 1996 Tot: 69962 Call: 34896 Put: 35066 FT-SE Call: 3631 Put: 7440

*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	500	33	42½	49	5½	11	15½
(*528½)	550	7	15½	23	32	36	40
Thames W	550	23½	31½	36½	17	22½	29
(*566½)	600	4½	12	18	54	56½	61
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BAT Ind	460	27½	41½	49	0	12	18
(*487½)	500	0	18½	28½	12½	31½	38
BTR	300	10½	20	23½	0	4½	9½
(*310½)	330	0	5½	9	19½	21	24
Br Aero	850	39	68	84	0	16½	27
(*889)	900	0	38½	55½	11	37	49
Br Telcm	330	3½	18	21½	0	15	19
(*333½)	360	0	6½	10	26½	37	40
Cadbury	460	30	46	54	0	7½	13½
(*490)	500	0	22½	31½	10	24	31
Guinness	460	29	42½	49½	0	6½	12½
(*489)	500	0	18½	25½	11	22½	29½
GEC	330	29½	34½	39	0	5½	8½
(*359½)	360	0	14½	20½	0½	18	21½
Hanson	180	16½	18½	22	0	2½	6
(*196½)	200	0	7	11½	3½	11	15½
LASMO	180	8	16½	23½	0	5	8½
(*188)	200	0	6½	14	12	15	19
Lucas	220	12½	27	32	0	9	14½
(*232½)	240	0	16½	22	7½	18	24
Pilkingtn	191	13½	19	—	0	5	—
(*204½)	210	0	8½	—	5½	14½	—
Prudential	420	23	37½	44	0	8	14
(*443)	460	0	15½	23	17	26	33½
Redland	390	17½	33½	40½	0	9½	14½
(*407½)	420	0	17	24½	12½	23	29
R-Royce	220	6½	17½	23½	0	8	12½
(*226½)	240	0	8½	14	13½	19	23
Tesco	280	9	21½	27	0	7	13
(*289)	300	0	11	17	11	18	23
Vodafone	240	9½	20	27	0	8	14½
(*249½)	260	0	10	17½	10½	18½	24½
Williams	300	28½	35	37½	0	2½	6
(*328½)	330	0	13½	17½	1½	11½	17½

FT-SE INDEX (*3775)

	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850	3900
Calls						
May	127½	79	32	4½	1	1
Jun	140½	107	71½	43½	24	11
Jul	167	130	98½	69½	47	30½
Aug	187	151	119½	88½	64½	44½
Dec	—	225½	—	167	—	119
Puts						
May	1	1	5	29	78	128
Jun	15	25	41	63	97½	132
Jul	28½	41	59½	82	110½	145
Aug	45½	59	77½	99	124½	156½
Dec	—	108	—	149½	—	201½

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	550	31½	44½	56½	5	17½	24
(*573½)	600	6½	20	32	30	44	50
Amstrad	160	16½	22½	26½	2	6	9
(*174½)	180	4½	11½	15½	10	14½	17½
Barclays	750	35	50½	64½	7½	21½	28½
(*773½)	800	10½	24½	39½	31	47½	54
Blue Circ	360	16½	27½	34½	7½	15	20½
(*368½)	390	4	13½	20½	24½	31½	36½
Br Gas	180	13	18	22½	3½	6	11
(*188½)	200	3½	8½	13	14	15½	22
Dixons	460	37½	47	58	3	13	17
(*492)	500	11½	24	35½	18	31	34½
Forte	343	35	38	—	0	1	—
(*378)	373	7½	13½	—	3	7½	—
Tarmac	120	8	13	17	3½	7	10
(*124)	130	3	8½	10½	8½	12	15½
Hillsdwn	160	21	24½	27	0	2½	4
(*179½)	180	6	11	14	4½	8½	11½
Lonrho	180	12½	16½	21	1½	6	7½
(*189½)	200	3	6½	11	11½	16	18
Sears	90	7½	9½	10½	1	2½	4½
(*97½)	100	1	4½	5½	6½	8	9½
Thorn	1700	109½	138	166	16	47	63½
(*1780)	1800	45½	84	113	50½	95	110
Tomkins	260	13	19	23	3½	11½	13½
(*268)	280	3½	9	14	14	22½	24½
Lloyds TSB	322	11½	—	—	8½	—	—
(*323)	352	2	—	—	29½	—	—
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo W	750	54½	69½	79	8	24½	30½
(*787½)	800	25	41	52½	27½	40	54½
HSBC	950	54	76	97	22½	42	52½
(*972)	1000	29	50½	71	47	67½	77½
Reuter	750	66	83	98½	10	25	30
(*797)	800	35	53	71	29½	44	49½
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Royal Ins	420	25½	36½	45	10½	20	25
(*431½)	460	8½	19	27	33	42½	47
	Series	**Jun**			**Jun**		
Fisons	260	5	—	—	0½	—	—
(*265)	280	0½	—	—	15	—	—
	Series	**May**			**May**		
Eastrn Gp	950	25	—	—	0	—	—
(*975)	1000	0	—	—	25	—	—
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	500	28½	33	37	7	25½	31½
(*519½)	550	5	11½	17	32½	58	62
Scot Pwr	360	13½	20	23	9½	17½	19
(*363½)	390	3½	8½	10½	29	37	38½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 63850	Jun 96	3781.0	3786.0	3766.0	3782.0	10788
	Sep 96	3794.5	3795.0	3790.0	3797.0	732
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4141	Jun 96	4520.0	4520.0	4530.0	4520.0	12
	Sep 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 377827	Jun 96	93.95	93.95	93.92	93.92	12654
	Sep 96	93.86	93.88	93.81	93.83	14747
	Dec 96	93.61	93.64	93.54	93.55	27297
Three Mth Euro Yen	Sep 96	99.03	99.04	99.03	99.04	540
	Dec 96	98.74	98.75	98.74	98.74	670
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1113582	Jun 96	96.79	96.79	96.74	96.75	39680
	Sep 96	96.83	96.84	96.75	96.77	55800
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 120655	Jun 96	106-20	106-26	106-03	106-05	59825
	Sep 96	105-25	105-25	105-05	105-05	2114
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	118.50	118.82	118.37	118.79	6361
	Sep 96	117.34	117.67	117.24	117.64	2038
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 192825	Jun 96	96.79	96.91	96.58	96.62	133020
	Sep 96	95.84	95.98	95.73	95.70	4595
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 25899	Jun 96	95.69	95.70	95.66	95.66	1196
	Sep 96	95.75	95.78	95.74	95.74	899
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 60743	Jun 96	98.02	98.02	97.87	97.92	9166
	Sep 96	97.93	97.94	97.78	97.79	13896
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 66900	Jun 96	114.60	114.84	114.25	114.41	36446
	Sep 96	114.10	114.10	113.95	113.77	775

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5 13/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5½ ; 3 mth 5 23/32 . Sell: 2 mth 5 23/32 ; 3 mth: 5 23/32 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 29/32-5¾	5 29/32-5¾	5¾-5 23/32	5¾-5 23/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-6	6 1/16-6	6 3/16-6 1/16	6½-6⅜
Interbank:	6 1/16-6	6 1/16-6	6 1/16-6	6 3/16-6 1/16	6½-6⅜

Overnight: open 6 . close 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5 15/16	n/a	6	6⅛	6½
Sterling CDs:	6-5 15/16	6-5 15/16	6-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 7/16-6¼
Dollar CDs:	5.32	n/a	5.37	5.46	5.73
Building Society CDs:	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	6⅛-6	6 11/16-6 9/16

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 1/16-4 15/16	5⅜-6 1/16	5½-5¼	5 9/16-5 7/16	5-4
Deutschemark:	3½-3⅜	3⅜-3 5/16	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3 15/16-3¾	3⅞-3 11/16	3⅞-3¾	3 15/16-3 11/16	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2¼-1¾	2¼-1¾	2-1¾	2-1¾	2-1
Yen:	⅝-½	⅝-½	⅝-½	⅝-½	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.80-392.10 Close: $392.45-392.95 High: $392.50-393.00
Low: $391.05-391.55 AM: $391.85 PM: $392.20

Krugerrand: $392.00-395.00 (£258.75-260.75)

Platinum: $403.00 (£266.00) Silver: $5.40 (£3.565) Palladium: $133.75 (£88.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5937-2.5993	2.5937-2.5963	½-⅜pr	2¼-2⅛pr
Brussels	47.68-47.82	47.68-47.73	13-9pr	36-30pr
Copenhagen	8.9524-8.9738	8.9546-8.9651	1½-1⅛pr	5¼-4⅝pr
Dublin	0.9685-0.9722	0.9686-0.9704	9-6pr	26-21pr
Frankfurt	2.3197-2.3263	2.3197-2.3226	½-⅜pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	238.28-239.15	238.36-238.65	½-⅛ds	½-⅛ds
Madrid	193.57-194.37	193.57-193.71	24-34ds	70-87ds
Milan	2350.6-2357.8	2350.6-2353.6	6-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.0692-2.0752	2.0692-2.0714	0.25-0.17pr	0.48-0.37pr
New York	1.5126-1.5174	1.5126-1.5136	0.09-0.07pr	0.24-0.21pr
Oslo	9.9503-9.9799	9.9503-9.9683	1⅛-⅝pr	3⅛-2⅝pr
Paris	7.8547-7.8729	7.8564-7.8624	1½-1⅛pr	4½-4pr
Stockholm	10.204-10.260	10.218-10.237	½-⅛ds	½-⅛ds
Tokyo	160.76-161.77	161.59-161.77	⅞-½pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Vienna	16.321-16.365	16.323-16.345	⅞-½pr	1¼-1pr
Zurich	1.8916-1.8981	1.8953-1.8981	⅝-½pr	2-1⅝pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2492-1.2500
Austria	10.78-10.79
Belgium (Com)	31.51-31.52
Canada	1.3685-1.3690
Denmark	5.9185-5.9215
France	5.1937-5.1947
Germany	1.5337-1.5342
Hong Kong	7.7362-7.7367
Ireland	1.5605-1.5615
Italy	1555.81-1556.31
Japan	106.82-106.89
Malaysia	2.4912-2.4922
Netherlands	1.7142-1.7147
Norway	6.5810-6.5830
Portugal	157.64-157.74
Singapore	1.4080-1.4090
Spain	128.20-128.25
Sweden	6.7596-6.7696
Switzerland	1.2535-1.2545

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5149-1.5175
Australia dollar	1.8911-1.8929
Bahrain dinar	0.5650-0.5775
Brazil real*	1.4815-1.4856
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7125-0.7225
Finland markka	7.1200-7.2360
Greece drachma	364.75-371.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.7103-11.7149
India rupee	52.33-53.29
Indonesia rupiah	3495.0-3503.0
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4495-0.4595
Malaysia ringgit	3.7714-3.7741
New Zealand dollar	2.1998-2.2028
Pakistan rupee	52.45 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4525-5.5000
Singapore dollar	2.1313-2.1335
S Africa rand (com)	6.4790-6.5810
U A E dirham	5.5025-5.6265

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	211	Land Secs	573
ASDA Gp	20,000	Legal & Gn	305
Abbey Ntl	3,200	Lloyds TSB	7,500
Allied Dom	881	Marks Spr	5,100
Argos	77	NatWst Bk	3,900
Argyll Gp	8,800	Nat Grid	5,400
AB Foods	510	Nat Power	1,400
BAA	3,900	P & O	12,000
BAT Inds	7,400	Pearson	1,500
BOC	299	Pilkington	1,700
BP	4,500	PowerGen	3,500
BSkyB	785	Prudential	5,400
BTR	7,600	REXAM	2,500
BT	17,000	RMC	69
Bk of Scot	4,900	RTZ	886
Barclays	2,800	Rank Org	1,300
Bass	1,000	Reckitt Col	970
Blue Circle	3,100	Redland	671
Boots	1,600	Reed Intl	1,700
BAe	1,100	Rentokil	5,400
BA	2,800	Reuters	1,500
Brit Gas	13,000	Rolls Royce	2,600
Brit Steel	3,800	Royal Ins	3,600
Burmah Cstl	177	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000
Burton	4,100	Sainsbury	2,600
Cable Wire	6,900	Schroders	434
Cadbury	1,000	Scot & New	027
Carlton Cms	1,300	Scot Power	3,300
Cm Union	1,800	Svrn Trent	3,700
Cookson	6,500	Shell Trans	5,500
Courtaulds	1,700	Siebe	1,400
Dixons	698	SmKl Bch	4,100
Enterpr Oil	2,900	Smith Nph	4,900
For & Col IT	691	Smiths Inds	168
GKN	801	Sthern Elec	779
GRE	3,500	Std Chartd	1,800
GUS	2,300	Sun Allnce	1,900
Gen Acc	2,000	TI Gp	2,500
Gen Elec	5,300	Tate & Lyle	1,500
Glaxo Well	3,200	Tesco	6,300
Granada	2,600	Thames W	4,200
Grand Met	5,300	Thm EMI	651
Greenalls	2,800	Tomkins	1,900
Guinness	5,400	Unilever	792
HSBC	1,800	United Utils	1,200
Hanson	13,000	Vodafone	8,100
ICI	2,800	Whitbread	604
Kingfisher	699	Wllms Hld	6,300
LASMO	8,400	Wolseley	2,300
Ladbroke	1,800	Zeneca	980

WALL STREET

	May 15 midday	May 14 close
AMP Inc	42½	42½
AMR Corp	91½	91½
ASA	45½	45½
AT & T	63½	62½
Abbott Labs	40½	40½
Advanced Micro	18½	18½
Aetna Life	71½	71
Ahmanson (HF)	24½	24½
Air Prod & Chem	59½	58½
AirTouch Comm	32½	32
Alberto-Culver B	39½	39½
Albertson's	39½	39½
Alcan Alumnm	32½	32½
Alco Standard	63½	61½
Allied Signal	58½	59½
Alum Co of Am	66	65½
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6½
Amerada Hess	57½	57½
Amer Brands	41½	41½
Amer El Power	41½	41½
Amer Express	47½	47½
Amer Genl Corp	34½	34½
Amer Home Pr	53½	53½
Amer Intl	92½	93
Amer Stores	35½	36½
Amer Standard	30½	30½
Ameritech	58½	58½
Amoco	73½	72½
Anheuser-Busch	68½	68½
Apple Computer	28½	27½
Archer Daniels	19	18½
Armco	5½	5½
Armstrng Wrld	56½	56½
Asarco	34½	34½
Ashland Oil	41½	41
Atl Richfield	119½	120½
Auto Data Pro	38½	38½
Avery Dennison	57½	57½
Avon Products	90	88½
Baker Hughes	31½	32½
Baltim Gas & El	27½	27½
Banc One	36	35½
BankAmerica	76½	76½
Bank of NY	51½	51½
Bankers Tr NY	72½	72
Barnett Banks	63	62½
Bausch & Lomb	41½	41½
Baxter Intl	42½	42½
Becton Dicknsn	80	79½
Bell Atlantic	64½	64½
Bell Industries	21½	22
BellSouth	41	41½
Black & Decker	38½	39
Block (H&R)	35½	35½
Boeing	81½	81½
Boise Cascade	45½	44½
Bristol Myrs Sq	82½	82½
Browning Ferris	30½	30½
Brunswick	21	21½
Burlington Nthn	86½	87½
CMS Energy Corp	29½	29½
CNA Financial	96½	96½
CPC Intl	68½	68½
CSX	52½	52½
Campbell Soup	62½	63
Can Pacific	25½	25½
Carolina Pwr	36½	36½
Caterpillar	66½	65½
Central & SW	27½	27½
Champion Intl	47½	47½
Chase Manhat	70½	69½
Chevron Corp	59½	59½
Chrysler	65	65½
Chubb Corp	47½	46½
Cigna Corp	113½	113½
Citicorp	81½	81½
Clorox	85½	84½
Coastal Corp	39	39½
Coca Cola	44½	44½
Colgate-Palmolive	79½	80½
Columbia Gas	48½	48
ColumbiaHCA	54½	54
Compaq Comp	47½	46½
Comp Ass Intl	77½	76½
Conagra	41½	39
Conrail	71½	70½
Cons Edison	28½	28½
Cons Nat Gas	46½	47½
Cooper Inds	41½	41½
CoreStates	40½	40½
Corning Inc	39½	37½
Crown Cork	45½	45½
Dana Corp	32½	32½
Dayton Hudson	99½	98½
Deere	41½	41½
Delta Air Lines	83½	85
Deluxe Corp	36½	36½
Digital Equip	57½	56½
Dillard Dept St	39½	39½
Disney (Walt)	61½	60½
Dominion Res	39½	40½
Donelley (RR)	35½	35½
Dover Corp	50½	50
Dow Chemical	86½	87
Dow Jones	37½	37½
Dresser	30½	30½
Duke Power	49	49½
Dun & Brdstreet	59½	59½
Du Pont	82½	82½
Eastman Chem	66½	66½

	May 15 midday	May 14 close
Eastman Kodak	77½	77½
Eaton Corp	58½	58½
Edison Intl	16½	16½
Emerson Elec	84½	84½
Engelhard Corp	25½	25½
Enron Corp	40½	40½
Entergy	27½	27½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	85½	84½
FMC Corp	68½	68½
FPL Group	43½	43½
Federal Express	79½	78½
Fed Nat Mtge	32	31½
First Bk Sys	61½	60½
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Finl Grp	44½	44
Fluor Corp	64½	64½
Ford Motor	36½	36½
GTE Corp	44½	44½
Gannett	67½	68
Gap Inc Del	34	33
Gen Dynamics	64½	64½
Gen Electric	79	78½
Gen Mills	56½	56½
Gen Motors	54½	54½
Gen Reinsurance	141½	142
Gen Signal	39½	40
Genuine Parts	45½	44½
Georgia Pac	77	77½
Gillette	56	55½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	23½	23½
Goodrich (BF)	38½	38½
Goodyear Tire	52½	52½
Grace (W&R)	76½	76½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	35½	35½
Great Wstn Fin	23½	23½
Halliburton	54	54½
Harcourt General	47½	47
Heinz (HJ)	32½	33
Hercules	59	58½
Hershey Foods	76½	76½
Hewlett Packard	114½	112½
Hilton Hotels	104½	104½
Home Depot	52½	53½
Homestake Mng	19½	20
Honeywell	53½	53½
Household Intl	69½	69½
Houston Inds	23½	23½
Humana	24	23½
ITT Corp	59½	59½
Illinois Tool	67½	67½
Illinova	26½	26½
INCO	33½	34
Ingersoll Rand	42½	42½
Inland Steel	22½	23
Intel Corp	73½	72½
IBM	109½	108½
Intl Flav & Fr	49½	48
Intl Paper	40½	41
James River Va	26½	25½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	93½	92½
Kellogg	70½	70
Kerr-McGee	61½	62
Kimberly-Clark	73½	73
Kmart	10½	10½
Knight-Ridder	74½	74½
Lilly (Eli)	56½	56½
Limited Inc	20½	20½
Lincoln Nat	49	48½
Litton	47½	49
Liz Claiborne	36½	36½
Lockheed Martin	84	83½
Louisiana Pac	26	26½
MCI Comm	29	29
Marriott Intl	48½	49½
Marsh & McLnn	93	93½
Masco Corp	30½	30½
May Dept St	48½	48½
Maytag Corp	22	21½
McDonalds	48½	47½
McDonnell D	99½	99
McGraw Hill	46½	46½
Mead Corp	54½	55½
Medtronic	55½	57½
Mellon Bk	55½	55½
Melville Corp	38½	38½
Merck Inc	61½	60½
Merrill Lynch	63½	63½
Microsoft	110½	110
Minnesota Mine	65½	65½
Mobil Corp	114½	114½
Monsanto	151½	153½
Morgan (JP)	87½	87
Motorola Inc	64	63½
Natl Semi	16½	16½
Natl Service Ind	38½	38½
Navistar Intl	10½	11
NY Times A	33½	33½
Newmont Mng	60½	60½
Niag Mohawk	7½	8
Nike B	96½	96½
NL Industries	14½	14½
Noram Energy	10½	10½
Nordstrom	51½	51½
Norfolk Sthrn	87½	87
Nthn State Pwr	47½	47½
Norwest Corp	35½	35½
Nynex Corp	48	48½
Occidental Pet	26½	26½
Ohio Edison	22½	22½

	May 15 midday	May 14 close
Oracle	35	35½
Oryx Energy Co	16½	17
Overseas Ship	19½	19½
Owens Corning	39½	39½
PHH Corp	54½	53½
PPG Industries	51½	51½
PNC Bank	30½	30½
PP&L Res	23½	23½
Paccar Inc	49½	48½
Pacificorp	20½	20½
Pac Enterprises	26½	26½
Pac Gas & Elect	22½	22½
Pac Telesis	33½	33½
Pall Corp	27½	26½
Parker Hannifin	43½	43½
Peco Energy	26½	26½
Penney (JC)	50½	50½
Pennzoil	44½	44½
Pepsico	66½	66½
Pfizer	66½	66½
Pharm & Upjhn	40½	40½
Phelps Dodge	74½	74
Philip Morris	90½	91½
Phillips Pet	40½	39½
Pitney Bowes	49½	50
Polaroid	49½	45½
PriceCostco	20½	20½
Procter & Gmbl	87½	86½
Providian	45½	45½
Pub Serv E & G	26½	27
Quaker Oats	35	34½
Ralston Purina	59	58½
Raychem Crp	78½	77½
Raytheon	53½	52½
Reebok Intl	29½	29½
Reynolds Metals	55½	55½
Rockwell Intl	56½	57½
Rohm & Haas	66½	67½
Royal Dutch	153½	151½
Rubbermaid	28½	29
SBC Comms	50½	50½
Safeco Corp	33½	33½
St Paul's Cos	52½	52½
Salomon Inc	42½	43½
Sara Lee Corp	32½	32½
Schering Plough	57½	56½
Schlumberger	87½	88½
Seagram	34½	34½
Sears Roebuck	50½	50½
Shell Trans	86½	86½
Sherwin Wllms	45½	45½
Skyline Corp	25½	25
Snap-On-Tools	47½	48
Southern Co	23½	23½
Sprint Corp	42½	42½
Stanley Works	62½	63½
Sun Company	32½	31½
Sun Microsys	59½	58
Suntrust	73½	73
Supervalu	31½	31
Sysco Corp	32½	32½
TRW Inc	94½	95½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	13½	13½
Tandy Corp	57½	58½
Teledyne	39½	40
Temple Inland	49½	49½
Tenneco	55½	55½
Texaco	84½	83½
Texas Inst	54½	54½
Texas Utilities	41½	41½
Textron	85½	85½
Time Warner	41½	41½
Times-Mirror A	43½	43½
Timken	39½	40½
Torchmark	42½	43
Toys R Us	29½	30
Transamerica	78½	78½
Travelers	61½	60½
Tribune	71½	70½
Tyco Labs	39	39½
UST Inc	32½	32½
UAL	219½	217
US Inds	21½	21½
USX Marathon	21½	21½
Unicom	28½	28½
Unilever NV	134½	134½
Union Camp	54	51½
Union Carbide	44½	44½
Union Pacific	70	69½
Unisys Corp	8½	7½
USAIR Group	17	16½
USF&G Corp	15½	15½
US Life	29½	29½
United Tech	110½	108½
Unocal Corp	32½	31½
VF Corp	58½	59
WMX Tech	35½	35½
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24½
Warner-Lambert	110½	110½
Wells Fargo	243½	243½
Westinghouse El	18½	18½
Weyerhaeuser	47½	49½
Whirlpool	58½	58½
Whitman	25½	25½
Winn Dixie	34	34½
Woolworth	19½	19½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	51½	51½
Xerox	154	153½
Yellow Corp	12½	12½

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

IoD shows its colours

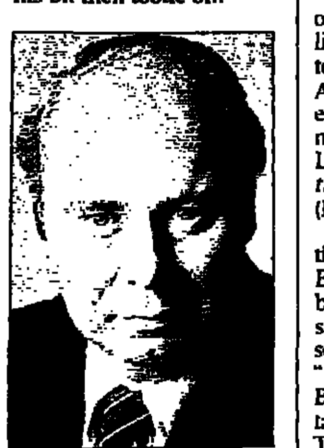
THANKS to John Gummer, the Institute of Directors' flag is flying high over the organisation's Lincoln base. The Environment Secretary came to the rescue after the city council judged the area surrounding the building "too residential" to be spoilt by the flag. John Cawdell, county branch secretary, argued that the county council next door was awash with the United Nations, St George's and Union flags. After nine months of deliberation, Mr Gummer's office says the IoD's blue and white flag can be unfurled.

Star attraction

SAFEWAY star Harry, who shared the TV screen with a female sidekick for the first time last night, has done wonders for the world of business — but not for the supermarket chain alone. When Jack Hanford, 4, better known as Harry, first appeared in the commercial, Safeway was inundated with calls from viewers wanting to know where to buy the garden seat he happened to be sitting on. Then came callers on the hunt for Jack's jacket, his sheriff's badge...

Home service

AFTER the BBC refused to renew Peter Hobday's contract, the warm voice of Radio 4's *Today* programme has found its way on to the stage at the *Building Societies Association* conference in Birmingham. Next on set after Angela Knight and Angela Rippon, who spoke at the two-day conference yesterday, Hobday will chair a session on home ownership. Why nice Mr Hobday? According to a BSA spokeswoman: "Why not? He'll just do his bit then tootle off."



Hobday: on stage

A GREAT deal of time and interest had obviously been spent on the rather splendid invitations, emblazoned with a picture of Mr Spock from Star Trek, *for the launch of the first issue of London City Airport's bi-monthly magazine yesterday. What a shame then that some poor person had to put in extra hours cutting and pasting little labels on to the invites with the correct address.*

Low-calorie pop

HEAVYWEIGHTS at BZW and Merrill Lynch are wending their way to Champneys in search of low-calorie champagne. For the first time, the health resort is offering its gravity-challenged guests a chance to knock back their favourite tipple without the fear of taking home a champagne belly. For £45, guests can order a bottle of Laurent-Perrier Ultra Brut to accompany their leaves of lettuce. Formerly known as "Sans Sucre", the drink was popular in the 19th century. To the delight of guests, a smoking room has also been opened.

BETWEEN raising funds for the flotation of British Energy, scheduled for mid-July, Robert Hawley, its elegantly coiffured chief executive, has been spotted in Oxford Street, rattling a tin for the Red Cross.

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ECONOMIC VIEW ANATOLE KALETSKY

No place in government for a more powerful Treasury

View points: Gordon Brown, left, Shadow Chancellor, and John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, who are at odds over the Treasury's future role

Brown's proposed super finance ministry has alarmed Shadow Cabinet colleagues

In the 20 years, I have spent observing economic policy in Britain, I have found that one working hypothesis is more useful than any other: the Treasury is almost always wrong. I share, therefore, the horror of Gordon Brown's Shadow Cabinet colleagues at his demand that the Treasury should be given even more power under a future Labour government (or should we say *over* a future Labour government?).

On Tuesday, the case against Mr Brown's demand for plenipotentiary powers was put with admirable clarity by Labour's deputy leader, John Prescott: "I am less sure than some that the track record of the Treasury justifies widening its role to encompass larger economic and social renewal — of it becoming a Super-Treasury." That sentence must qualify as one of the political understatements of the decade.

Chronicles of the Treasury's blunders over the past 50 years could fill an entire library. The most recent I have encountered is a personal retrospective by Sir Alec Cairncross, Chief Economic Adviser and head of the Government Economic Service under both Tories and Labour from 1961 to 1969: *Managing the British Economy in the 1960s* (Macmillan Press).

The last chapter of this book opens thus: "Like most other decades in British post-war history, the 1960s can be made to seem in retrospect a long series of economic disasters." That sentence could serve as the pithy "mission statement" that Sir Terry Burns, the present Permanent Secretary, has long been seeking for the Treasury. It captures perfectly the attitude of the Treasury in the post-war decades: fatalism about Britain's economic decline, condescension towards anyone who wants to halt it, and disdain for the politicians, industrialists and workers (but never Treasury officials) held to be pulling the country down.

The idea that Mr Brown could convert the defeatist, monetarist Treasury into a dynamic super-ministry committed to "long-term economic and social renewal" would have been implausible even in the 1960s. That, of course, was why one of the first acts of the 1964 Labour Government was to shift power away from the Treasury by creating a new Department of Economic Affairs, of which more below. But Mr Brown's touching faith in the adaptability of Treasury officials is truly atonishing after 17 years of Tory rule.

In this time the Treasury has ruthlessly purged anyone not a True Believer in the "basic doctrine" of monetarist economics, which Nigel Lawson rather pompously "enunciated" in his 1984 Mais Lecture: "It is the conquest of inflation, and not the pursuit of growth and employment, which is or should be the objective of macroeconomic policy. And it is the creation of conditions conducive to growth and employment, and not the suppression of price rises, which is or should be the objective of microeconomic policy."

Underlying this "Lawson dichotomy" is Milton Friedman's fundamental principle of monetarist economics — that "inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon". This vacuous statement has never offered any useful guidance to practising policymakers. It was once delightfully rebutted by Henry Wallich, the veteran American central banker, thus: "Inflation is a monetary phenomenon in the same way that war is a ballistic phenomenon". Nevertheless, Treasury officials repeat this monetarist mantra at every possible opportunity, even today, although they pay no attention to whatever operational meaning it might have. This is hardly surprising; to repudiate monetarism would be to sacrifice all hopes of promotion. But there is a deeper reason why the Treasury as an institution finds the monetarist doctrine irrestistible, particularly in its Lawson formulation.

The Lawson dichotomy means that the Treasury can never be blamed for high unemployment, low investment or inadequate growth. For most of the "supply-side" policies on skills, entrepreneurship and so on, which are supposed to help the real economy, have nothing to do with the Treasury. On the other hand, the Treasury deserves full credit for controlling inflation, regardless of the industrial destruction its policies on interest and exchange rates may cause.

There is just one supply-side policy for which the Treasury can be held responsible — taxation. And even here the Lawson monetarist doctrine comes in useful in absolving Treasury officials of any possible blame. Monetarists consider taxes to be a critical influence on employment and growth (maybe *the* critical influence).

But they also insist that the only sure way to help the economy with tax policy is to keep all taxes as low as possible and as flat as possible, so as not to distort incentives (and, incidentally, to minimise any redistribution of income). The implication is that anything the Treasury can do to reduce public spending — and thus taxation — will automatically help to create jobs and growth. Anything that other departments may want to do to spend public money will *ipso facto* damage the real economy.

With this institutional history, it is hard to imagine how the Treasury could play the positive role in promoting economic growth suggested by Mr Brown. Even a wholesale change of personnel at the top would not be enough to change the institutional culture. And a purge of the top officials would be much harder to justify in 1997 than it would have been after Black Wednesday — except in the unlikely event that the top mandarins put their personal imprimatur on a fraudulent pre-election Budget.

In any case, it is not at all clear that a finance department whose main function will always be to control public spending and manage the national debt *ought* to be given greater dominance over economic policy. Even if the Treasury was run by non-dogmatic officials operating with a soundly-based economic theory, there would still be a conflict of interest between its role as guardian of public spending and macroeconomic manager.

> It is striking how rarely the Treasury's wrong advice was challenged

Looking around the world, Britain's Treasury, with complete control over taxes, interest rates, public spending and macroeconmic forecasts, is almost unique in its monolithic power. In Germany there are separate ministries of economics and finance. In America, the Office of Management and Budget controls public spending plans, the Treasury manages tax and international policy, the Federal Reserve sets interest rates and the White House Council of Economic Advisers makes forecasts and advises the President on the overall macroeconomic framework. In Japan, the "creative tension" between the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry made a major contribution to the 1960s' economic miracle of export-led growth.

In Britain such "creative tension" is greeted with ridicule or horror. Labour politicians recall with embarrassment the failure of George Brown's DEA. Tories recall the horror the rows between Nigel Lawson and Margaret Thatcher's personal economic adviser, Sir Alan Walters. What everybody seems to forget, however, is that in most of their confrontations with the Treasury, the outsiders turned out to be right. Sir Alan was right to oppose the disastrous exchange-rate obsession of Lord Lawson.

In the 1960s, DEA officials were right to argue against the Treaury and in favour of devaluation. It was no fault of the DEA as an institution that George Brown rejected its advice, and even refused to have it discussed in Cabinet.

In fact, thinking back over the history of economic mismanagement in Britain, what is really striking is not how often the Treasury was wrong. More remarkable is how rarely anyone challenged the Treasury's wrong advice. In this respect, the present Chancellor is an honorable exception. His one really good decision — to refuse a further increase in interest rates in mid-1995 — was apparently taken against his Treasury officials' unanimous advice. But such robustness is all too rare.

Any institutional changes that would allow the Cabinet to hear a range of economic advice and challenge the Treasury view — such as the revamping of the Department of Industry proposed by Mr Prescott — must be welcomed. Any changes that make the Treasury more powerful, like the ones demanded by Gordon Brown, must be stopped.

Facia's chief puts on a brave face

Jason Nisse examines the stability of Stephen Hinchliffe's retail empire

Stephen Hinchliffe is a tall, well-built and physically intimidating man. It is hard to miss his 6ft 5ins frame in a crowd. Everything he does — from buying companies with no apparent source of finance, to taking 50 people on a trip to the pyramids on his birthday, to helping to save Sheffield United Football Club from relegation — he does with a flourish and a determined air.

His career has taken him from leading a management buy-in at Wedes, the furnishing group, when he was just 33, to being questioned by police over a fraud in the West Midlands and his ejection from James Wilkes, the engineering group, in the middle of a hostile takeover bid.

On the face of it, he is now on the up. In less than two years, he has built his Facia group into a formidable retailing chain boasting nearly 1,000 shops, with brand names including Sock Shop, Red or Dead, Saxone and Salisbury's.

But legal manoeuvres by the Department of Trade and Industry could bring his empire of high street stores crashing around his ears. The DTI is due to confirm today that it will begin the process of disqualifying Mr Hinchliffe as a director of UK companies over his role in the collapse two years ago of En-tout-cas, tennis courts and artificial sports pitch manufacturer.

Mr Hinchliffe says he sold the company before its failure, so it was not his fault. But the buyer, a Jersey group called Serre, happened to pay his company, Chase Investments, just enough to cover a secured loan from Chase. A court hearing is expected to be set for late July.

If that was not enough, Mr Hinchliffe is facing problems on three other fronts. Another part of the DTI, Companies House, plans to prosecute him because of the lateness of Facia accounts, which should have been filed last November.

Although the maximum fine would be only £5,000, most of the other companies in the group have also failed to file their accounts, and the one set filed — Sock Shop — was qualified by its auditors, Deloitte & Touche.

In a long statement, Deloitte & Touche talks about intercompany transactions with other parts of Facia and worries about the support of banks, concluding: "We have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for our audit."

It also said: "We are unable to determine whether proper accounting records have been kept."

Not keeping proper records is a criminal offence. But a Facia spokesman dismissed the qualification, saying that it only came because the rest of the group's accounts were not ready.

In addition, Mr Hinchliffe has picked a fight with the landlords of his 1,000-strong chain of stores over when he pays his £48 million annual rent bill. Historically, retailers pay their rent three months in advance every quarter. Mr Hinchliffe refused because he wanted to pay monthly in arrears. Some landlords gave in, but others threatened to force the company into receivership, and a couple sent round the bailiffs.

"Those who would not agree to the new arrangements are being paid normally," said Mr Hinchliffe a couple of weeks ago. In other words, he gave in.

Which brings us to Mr Hinchliffe's third and most pressing problem — money. Apart from a small chunk of finance from Murray Johnstone, the investment house, Mr Hinchliffe has no apparent backers.

His personal fortune is not massive and he says Facia's purchases are all done "on cash flow and understanding bankers", adding that the group's debts are only £10 million.

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One of those understanding bankers is United Mizrahi, a small Israeli bank. Mizrahi's bank loans have to be repaid by December, and with the rents due and the need to buy stock for the autumn season, Facia is in need of further finance.

A couple of venture capitalists have confirmed that Facia has been to see them, offering attractive deals to finance the company, which Mr Hinchliffe then hopes to nurse to flotation in a couple of years. However, neither found either the deal or the business attractive.

Facia admits no deal has been done on new equity, but says its banks are supportive. Mr Hinchliffe will find out pretty soon.

Stephen Hinchliffe is facing a legal battle with the DTI

BUSINESS LETTERS

Employee's breakdown and prospect for flood of litigation on stress at work

From Mr Ben Apfel

Sir, Victoria McKee's comment (article, May 3) that "employers must brace themselves for a flood of similar cases" as a result of Northumberland County Council abandoning its appeal in the John Walker case might be an over-optimistic assessment of growth that may occur in this area of litigation.

What is significant is that the council was only held liable for the second breakdown. It was found that it could not, in relation to the first breakdown, have reasonably foreseen that he was at materially greater risk of stress and mental illness than a manager of social services in a busy area would normally be. The council was held to have had complete lack of awareness of Walker's declining health, despite signs that he was under pressure as a result of his work.

The Walker case has followed a trend in earlier cases of making it relatively easy for an employer to show that it executed its duty of care and so fight off a claim from an employee suing for a first breakdown. To succeed, an employee would have to show that he gave clear indications of his mental state to his employer and that they failed to take any preventative action in response.

The abandonment of the first appeal means that the courts will not have the opportunity of hearing the cross appeal by Walker in relation to his first breakdown so there will be no clarification in the immediate future of what an employee must prove regarding an employer's awareness of his mental health in a claim for injuries from stress at work. This may well deter the floodgates from opening just yet.

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Labour's plans for Serps need clarification

From Colin Stewart

Sir, It is some years since I was directly involved in the financing of state and occupational pensions. These days I have to rely on newspaper reports to keep pace with events. I read some weeks ago that Labour planned to force everyone out of Serps and divert what are described as the Serps contributions into personal pensions savings. The problem is that Serps contributions are needed to pay for my state pension under the pay-as-you-go system, and the consequence would be that the standard rate of National Insurance contribution would have to be increased to compensate.

Now it is said that Labour plans to merge National Insurance contributions with the tax system, presumably meaning that employees' National Insurance contributions would be abolished, and income tax increased to compensate. What about pensioners who stopped paying National Insurance contributions when they retired? Will our income tax be increased along with everyone else's? Is that how Labour plans to finance an increase in personal savings by those of working age? I don't say that it would be wrong to do this, but I would like to know the answer.

Yours faithfully,
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Life profits offset rise in weather claims at CU

By Marianne Curphey

A PICK-UP in life sales helped to offset a £35 million increase in winter weather claims at Commercial Union and prompted a 6p rise in the composite's share price to 629p yesterday.

In spite of a fall in first quarter profits for worldwide general insurance, down from £97 million for the three months to March 31, 1995, to £64 million this year, life profits increased 13 per cent to £58 million.

Overall, CU's pre-tax profit fell to £105 million (1995: £112 million) on total premium income of £2.5 billion (1995: £2.3 billion).

Meanwhile, CU's rival General Accident, which reported on Tuesday, put on 14p to 669p, a rise of 28p in two days, amid City speculation that it might redistribute some of its surplus £1 billion "orphan" assets to shareholders.

CU revealed that it also had free assets of £1 billion in its life fund, but effectively ruled out a windfall gain for shareholders. Tony Wyand, executive director, said: "Never is a very strong word but we are very cool about the idea. We do not see a huge reserve of assets that could be earmarked for this purpose."

Legal & General shareholders are to benefit from a £160 million special bonus payout, and the Prudential has begun talks with the Department of Trade and Industry, which could result in a bumper dividend for investors.

Other insurance companies, including Royal Insurance, are known to be considering similar action.

CU also dampened hopes that it might press ahead with a merger or takeover of another insurance company after Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance's announcement of their proposed merger. Mr Wyand said: "Our strategy is very clearly focused on organic growth, expanding the life business, strengthening our European operations and looking for new developments in Asia and Eastern Europe."

CU said that it did not expect large rises in motor or household rates in the UK.

There was strong profit growth from Delta Lloyd, CU's company in The Netherlands, where the general insurance profit increased to £13 million (1995: £3 million). In France, the general insurance result increased to a profit of £11 million (1995: loss £7 million), but in the United States severe winter weather claims cost £24 million more than in the same quarter last year, and led to a loss of £10 million (1995: profit £15 million).

Perpetual lifted by Pep sales

By Philip Pangalos

BUOYANT stock market conditions and a surge in Pep products and unit trusts helped Perpetual, the fund management group, to a 48 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £25.2 million in the six months to March 31.

Turnover expanded to £719 million (£545 million), as funds under management increased by 25 per cent to £5.8 billion, and have since grown to £6.3 billion. Sales of Pep products and unit trusts almost doubled during the period. A new investment trust targeting Pep and institutional investors attracted subscriptions totalling £172.5 million.

A 19p dividend (11p) is payable on July 1, from earnings of 62.78p (44.31p) a share. The shares closed at £24.58, up £1.

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Maurice Keane, of the Bank of Ireland, where pre-tax profits rose almost 14 per cent

Revamp of US operations hits Bank of Ireland's earnings

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

ALTHOUGH pre-tax profits at Bank of Ireland jumped almost 14 per cent last year, an exceptional charge of Ir£48 million for the restructuring of its US operations resulted in lower than expected earnings.

Yesterday, the bank, led by Howard Kilroy, the governor, Pat Molloy, chief executive, and Maurice Keane, his deputy, revealed pre-tax profits of Ir£315.6 million for the year ended March 31 Ir£321.8 million). Earnings per share were down to 41.5p (44.2p). The bank said the merger of its US operation, First New Hampshire, with Royal Bank of Scotland's Citizens Financial Group would also dilute profits in the short term.

Mr Kilroy said: 'While margins were lower, volume increases generated higher incomes". Pre-tax profits in the retail division rose 7.5 per cent to Ir£182.9 million. In the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland, deposits and credit balances were up 11 per cent. In the mortgage sector, the bank and the ICS Building Society together achieved a market share of 20 per cent of all new residential mortgages. .

Mr Molloy spoke of a muted outlook for the year ahead. "We have the dilutive effect of the US merger which will wash out after this year. We're also looking at more margin pressure, and we're carrying out the final year of significant re-engineering investments." However, the bank said its £600 million acquisition of Bristol & West and the US restructuring indicated an optimistic view into the medium term.

Sony bounces back into the black

From a Correspondent in Tokyo

SONY CORP, the Japanese electronics group, returned to the black with healthy profits in the latest business year and expects further gains in the current year, thanks to the strong dollar.

The company reported a group net profit of Y54.25 billion (£338 million) in the business year to March 31, reversing a loss on a group net basis of Y293.36 billion in the previous year. That loss included a write-off of Y265 billion in its film group and losses in that group of about Y50 billion.

"Every part of our businesses performed well, and we could have achieved the biggest-ever sales in 1995-96." Sumio Sano, Sony's managing director, told a news conference. Group sales for 1995-96 rose to Y4.59 trillion from Y3.99 trillion a year earlier. The results were in line with an earlier forecast Sony made for a group profit of about Y54 billion.

The conglomerate also said that for this business year it anticipates a 75 per cent rise in group net profit to Y95 billion, while sales are expected to increase 9 per cent to about Y5 trillion yen. The outlook is based on the assumption that the dollar will average Y104 in 1996-97, against Y95 in 1995-96.

Mr Sano, hinting that the company's own outlook is modest, said Sony aims to post bigger than forecast profits in 1996-97. In 1995-96, sales in the electronics business increased 14.8 per cent year-on-year, while its group operating profits from electronics sales jumped 56.7 per cent. Mr Sano attributed this to cost-cutting efforts, including expansion of overseas production.

He said the ratio of Sony's overseas production to total production rose to 47 per cent in 1995-96 from 42 per cent the year before, and the ratio is expected to climb to 50 per cent in 1996-97.

Sony's sales in the entertainment business in 1995-96 grew 7 per cent year-on-year. Although music software sales in the US market fell from the previous year, film sales improved largely, Mr Sano said.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Coal no longer king at Powell Duffryn

A 100-YEAR association was ended yesterday by Powell Duffryn, the ports and engineering group, when it sold its remaining interests in coal. It blamed its withdrawal on a rapidly changing market after privatisation.

Powell Duffryn Fuels, the coal processor and distributor, went to the division's management in a £3.1 million deal; Powell Duffryn International Fuels, its overseas trading arm, went for a nominal sum to Celtic Energy, which bought most of British Coal's South Wales collieries; and the third sale of a half stake in John Kelly, the Northern Ireland distributor, went to the joint partners for £2.25 million. In the year to March 31, 1995 the businesses brought in £200,000 pre-tax profit but only a breakeven contribution to this March 31.

Chemex advances

CHEMEX INTERNATIONAL, the provider of laboratory services, saw pre-tax profits rise 18 per cent to £83,526, before minority interest in the six months to March 31. Brian Webbe, chairman, said the growth had been achieved in spite of difficult economic conditions throughout the period and adverse winter conditions in the first quarter of 1996. Earnings per share increased 16 per cent to 0.21p. There is no interim dividend but a final dividend is expected.

Century Inns soars 74%

CENTURY INNS, the pub company, reaped the financial benefits of its December flotation as the company revealed a 74 per cent increase in half-year profits to £3.3 million. Century, which raised £22.7 million from the float, said a sharp drop in interest payments helped to boost overall profits. Profits for the six months to March 31, excluding exceptionals, rose 15 per cent. An interim dividend of 1.25p, covering the first three-and-a-half months since flotation, is payable on August 15.

Tadpole cuts losses

TADPOLE TECHNOLOGY, the computer manufacturer, reduced its pre-tax losses by 71 per cent to £1.7 million for the six months to March 31. The company increased its turnover by 14 per cent as it continued to concentrate on improving manufacturing efficiencies. It is forecasting a reduced second-half loss as a result of "aggressive cost control and prudent cash management". There is no dividend. Losses per share fell from 23.7p to 6.3p. The shares rose 6p to 59p.

Brancote ready to grow

BRANCOTE HOLDINGS, the international mining company, said it has a solid platform for substantial capital growth, in spite of losses increasing to £189,333 in the year to December 31 from £71,083 last year. Richard Prickett, chairman, said the increased losses were in line with forecasts. Fund-raising of £3.24 million has allowed the company to begin work on Australia's Mount Cuthbert Copper Project — its first producing mine.

TeleWest in the red

TELEWEST, the largest cable company, incurred a net loss of £53.4 million in the quarter to March 31, compared with a loss of £17.7 million previously, on turnover that rose 147 per cent to £65.2 million. The deeper loss was down to higher network spending and depreciation charges. The operating loss was £3.7 million, a 24 per cent improvement over last year. Analysts expect the company to finish 1996 with positive cashflow as revenue growth continues to exceed cost growth.

ACCOUNTANCY

Taxing rights and wrongs

The consensus on the Revenue's discretion in UK taxation is under threat, says **Simon McKie**

In English law the right to tax can only be conferred by clear statutory authority. As Lord Atkinson said in 1925: "It is well established . . . that no tax can be imposed on a subject by an Act of Parliament without words in it clearly showing an intention to lay the burden upon him, that the words of the statute must be adhered to, and that so called equitable constructions of them are not permissible."

Because English law has not generally conferred discretionary taxing powers on the executive, it has not had to develop mechanisms for controlling the use of them.

In the Hardman Lecture in November of last year, David Goldberg, QC, contrasted this English approach to taxation with that of many other European countries. Many continental systems give wide discretionary powers to the revenue authorities which are subject to control by administrative courts.

The past 30 years has seen the traditional approach to taxation in the United Kingdom breaking down. How has that occurred?

Firstly, the increasing complexity of commercial life has led to a matching complexity of taxation rules. That complexity has been made worse by an inevitable political tendency continually to change the tax system and by the failure of our parliamentary system to adapt its procedures.

The cost of resolving uncertainty through the courts is prohibitive. The result is that most taxpayers will accept the Revenue's view of the law whether or not that view is correct. That gives the revenue authorities an enormous practical discretion.

Secondly, the very inadequacy of our parliamentary procedures means that new legislation is subject to less and less review. This allows the revenue departments to determine the nature of the rules without effective parliamentary control.

Thirdly, increasingly complex legislation gives opportunities for tax avoidance. The revenue authorities have reacted by sponsoring anti-avoidance legislation.

If exercised in all possible circumstances, these wide powers would result in substantial injustice. The revenue authorities therefore decide only to apply these powers where they think the taxpayer is acting illegitimately, giving it a wide discretion.

Simon McKie sees UK attitudes to tax breaking down

Revenue Inc is now forming a body to simplify tax legislation, without which this will always be complex. The failure to scrutinise legislation properly could be addressed by a review of our parliamentary procedure and by much greater openness by the Government. The task of ministers and MPs is to challenge the necessity to make law by regulation rather than under the scrutiny of Parliament. But a government which has been in office for a long time begins to see questions through the eyes of its departmental officials. The same process can be seen at work in the expansion of wide and imprecisely drafted anti-avoidance legislation.

This year's Finance Bill, as originally drafted, conferred frightening powers on the Customs & Excise to reopen businessmen's tax affairs for all years since 1973. The proposals still confer powers on the Customs & Excise which are out of proportion to the tax avoidance arrangements which they were ostensibly introduced to frustrate.

In my view, the rush towards an expanded discretion is reversible if Parliament is determined to do so.

Anybody who has dealt with taxation in other European countries will know that in many of those countries tax evasion is rife. These are countries in which general business and professional ethical standards are every bit as high as our own. By contrast, in the UK, on the whole the relationship between the taxpayer and the revenue authorities is good. But there are signs that that relationship is under strain.

The consensus on the standards that should prevail in making taxation returns and in operating the tax system is beginning to break down. Therefore, both sides have an interest in controlling the expansion of the revenue department's discretion. Otherwise that consensus, the creation of which is a major achievement of British business culture, will be lost.

The Faculty of Taxation held a debate on May 14 on the motion: This house believes that the Revenue has too much discretion.

Simon McKie is chairman of the ICAEW's Faculty of Taxation.

Reformers face proxy problems

I APOLOGISE for this, but nitpicking is the order of the day. As a result, there may be a certain amount of detail to be sifted through. It may not seem useful at first. But the central arguments are, the protagonists claim, about democracy in the accountancy profession. You cannot get more portentous than that.

The problem is proxies. Both the ACCA, the certified accountants' body, and the English ICA are embroiled in disputes over them. Unravelling those disputes may shed some light on why they have come about.

Take the ACCA. At last week's annual general meeting, five new members of council took their seats. Three were from overseas. Overall, ten members of council were elected. The problem, from the ACCA's point of view, was that none were Prem Sikka or other members of the self-styled "reform group" despite almost double the number of people voting compared with last year. Needless to say, Sikka is crying foul. And this is where proxies come in. Of 5,095 votes cast, more than 700 were proxies given by members to the president to cast.

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This, says Sikka, is outrageous. Bumping into him in the slightly incongruous surroundings of the English ICA library soon afterwards revealed his fury. He was threatening to have an early day motion put down in the Commons, and to write to the Privy Council. The problem is that he sees proxy voting as a plot against him and an outdated procedure which only the ACCA uses. He forgets that at most corporate AGMs shareholders from Shropshire can happily, and often do, pass their votes as proxies to the chairman. The fact that the proxies went to the president should not be seen as a conspiracy. Nothing prevented members sending proxies to Sikka to cast as he wished. It is just that they didn't. At least 500 votes for the two successful candidates from the Far East were cast as proxies given by local members to the equivalent of the heads of the local district societies.

The ACCA, which used to have strong Masonic connections, has always tended to be more secretive than it should be. Sikka's efforts, with Austin Mitchell, MP for Great Grimsby, have done much to change things. I doubt that the ACCA would have started to reform its constitution without their pressure. But for Sikka and the reform group, it obviously hurts to come sixteenth and seventeenth out of 19 candidates. Next year, they should work the proxy system to their advantage as members in the Far East have.

At the English ICA, an independent constitutional review has been announced. A past-senior partner of Lovell White Durrant is to produce "objective and independent advice" for the annual council conference in January.

Meanwhile, it faces a challenge from Jeff Wooller, the accountancy tutor, at its AGM on June 4. He has proposed a motion "that the institute members should elect future presidents". His motivation is honourable. It is obvious from merger debacles that the lines of communication between leadership and membership amount to a couple of cocoa tins linked by string. If his motion is passed, Wooller intends backing, though she does not know this yet, Sheila Masters, of KPMG, as the populist choice for a reforming president. But Wooller, too, is arguing about proxies. The problem is that he has chosen the wrong meeting. The institute's annual gathering consists of two seamless, and usually fairly lacklustre, meetings. The first, the AGM, does the nodding through of the annual accounts, the appointment of auditors and the co-opting of council members. The second, the special meeting, deals with contentious subjects like the annual subscription rise. For the first meeting, proxy votes can be used, but only if members request forms individually. For the second meeting, members are sent proxy forms automatically. Wooller has, unfortunately, put his motion down for the first rather than the second meeting. The fact that only ten backers are needed for a motion at the first, as opposed to 250 for the second, may be why. He is also labouring under a disadvantage as a champion of member democracy. He has never been to an institute AGM. We of the press, who turn up each year with pencils sharpened, ready to detail uprisings of backwoodsmen, could tell him that there are rarely any questions raised at all.

The way to satisfy the upsurge in a desire for more direct involvement by members is to follow the example of CIMA, the management accounting body. It invited Mitchell and Sikka in to discuss the issues with the president last week. The meeting went on for two hours, which was probably why Sikka arrived late for the ACCA AGM. And the two have been invited to speak at the CIMA council conference in October.

The answer is to embrace reform and bring it inside. As John Chester, CIMA's secretary, said: "If we implemented all their ideas, it would not shake the place to its foundations." And that way you do not have reformers who are isolated and furious on the outside.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tables turned on Andersen

SOME people are seeing a conspiracy in the fact that the Big Six accounting firms have pulled out of their traditional annual exercise of producing figures on a vaguely comparable basis so that a league table of their standings can be published early next month. No one will now know for sure but this could have been the year when the upstart firm of Arthur Andersen, which has been climbing the league with some impressive growth figures in recent years, might have finally made it to the coveted No 1 spot. The other five pour scorn on such an idea. But it might explain the informal vote on the abandonment of the league table. Over their dinner the senior partners voted five to one to abolish it. No prizes for guessing who voted against.

Breakfast trail

IT HAS all gone fragrant down at the English ICA. Leiths, who run the restaurant in the institute's basement, are promising "a herb, wine and spice trail" on the evening of June 5. This event promises "a tour of the building with a food and wine tasting in each room". Do they have any idea how many rooms there are in the institute? And they have only allowed two hours for this marathon. On my reckoning institute staff will still be turfing revellers out at breakfast time the next day. But it does sound extraordinary value for £5. Details from Charlotte Jones on 0171-920 8627.

No tax on fun

THE countdown to self-assessment has mostly caused gloom in the tax world as the Inland Revenue's bowler-hatted cartoon figures multiply like loopholes in a Budget speech. But Price Waterhouse know better. Their in-house magazine looks at developments ahead in their tax division. The headline is "Let the Fun Begin".

Party planning

SOME accountancy firms know better than to upset the Labour Party. Clark Whitehill has just published a booklet on "planning for a change of government". The firm says: "A return to the penal direct tax rates of the 1970s is inconceivable." No cause for any alarm from Gordon Brown here.

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Shares close near best of the day

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	480	Allied Domecq	502	+5	6.0	17.8
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	606	−1½	2.5	19.0
131	115	Burn Stewart†	115		5.4	24.8
650	615	Glenmorangie A	633		2.2	17.8
464	411	Grand Met	446	+1	4.2	19.2
493	405	Guinness†	489	+6	3.8	15.9
377	315	Highland Dist†	375	−1	2.7	17.5
195	150	Macallan-Glen†	172	+3	1.1	35.3
788	655	Matthew Clark	788	+4	3.5	
131	93	Morland W	131		1.9	
2612½	1706¼	SA Breweries	1875		2.1	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3584¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3390¾	−9¾	4.1	11.6
683	520	Abbey Natl	574	+6	4.7	11.0
385	322	Allied Irish	351	−1	4.9	10.2
336	299	Aus New Z	322	+5	5.4	
5243¾	3843¾	Bank America	5075	+81¼		
316	295½	Bank Scotland†	298	+9	3.3	12.3
819	683	Barclays	775	+12½	4.2	10.1
488	422	Bk of Ireland	467	−4	3.6	9.4
482	405	Cater Allen	407	−1	9.2	6.7
5387½	4031¼	Citicorp†	5387½	+100		
392	318	Close Bros	372	−6	3.0	16.5
£157⅛	£141⅜	Commerzbk	£146	+112½	3.5	
1350	1171¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1250	−3¾	0.4	
3412½	2978¾	Deutsche Bk	3209¾	+53¾	2.2	
803½	593¾	Espirito Santo	775		4.7	10.2
1507	1265½	Fuji Bank Y	1301½	+15	0.4	
472	385	Gerrard Nat	385		7.3	12.4
252	196	Hambros	234	−2	4.0	
1125	931	HSBC†	972	+2	4.1	10.4
1099	930	HSBC HK†	974	+2	4.1	10.4
421	385	Irish Perm†	398		3.2	
173	143	King Shaxson	172		6.5	13.4
453	448	Leopold J	453		6.2	15.6
347½	284½	Lloyds TSB	329	+8½	3.0	14.2
640	578	Nat Aust Bk	614	+2	7.2	7.8
711	608	Nat West	644	+10	4.9	9.0
66	58	Rea Brothers†	58		2.2	27.5
696	483	Ryl Bk Scot	534	−4	4.0	12.0
1380	1185	Schroders	1270	+5	1.6	17.7
1128	890	Schroders N/V	1020	−8	2.0	14.3
116	89½	Singer & Fried†	112		4.5	8.3
662½	547	Stand Chart†	618	−6	2.2	13.5
105	85½	Union	95		3.9	
£174½	£131⅝	Wells Fargo†	£161⅝	+231¼	2.1	
329½	264	Westpac	318½	−¼	4.7	
305	268	Wintrust	300		4.9	17.2

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
50	36	Abdn Stk Hld	36			7.8
368	263	Ascot Hldgs	350	+5		0.7
797½	702	Bass	783	−2	3.6	18.0
70	45	Brit for the Bdr	48		4.3	12.6
177	163	Burtonwd Brw	163	−1	4.1	15.8
123	92	City Centre Rest†	116	−1½	2.4	21.9
552	463	Compass Gp	535	−1	1.8	23.6
263	190	Eldridge P 'A'©	254		2.3	23.4
498	413	Fuller Sm 'A'©	497		2.2	19.6
636	551	Greenalls Grp	590½	−20½	3.1	15.9
685	604	Greene King	683	+3	2.6	16.8
278	224	Grosvenor Inns	263	+3	2.6	20.0
254	204	Groupe Chez Ger	227		1.4	23.0
357	300	Hardy Hansn	307		4.1	11.5
230	155	Heavitree	210		3.5	12.7
3475	3095	Holt Jt	3250	−50	2.2	
55	45	Inn Business	53			
348	313	Mansfield	347		1.9	17.4
353½	307	Marston Thmp	352		2.6	16.6
673	535	Morland	657		2.2	18.4
147	118	My Kinda Town	143		2.6	14.1
6¼	4½	Paramount†	5		5.5	8.0

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
548	426	Bammer†	547		3.3	
22	18	Bridgend Gp	21		1.2	
101	76	Brit Fittings†	101		4.5	13.9
290	245	Caliyns	285		5.0	19.7
14¾	10½	Cavendale†	14½		2.6	
90	65½	Central Mfs	94		0.7	
104	78	Charles Cathley	104	+10	4.6	16.1
63	54½	Cook (DC)	62		3.4	9.1
388	287	Cowie	388		3.4	14.6
175	120½	Dag Motors†	167	−1	5.8	
163	125¼	Dennmac El	160		2.0	14.4
434	385	Diploma	398		4.6	12.8
407	328	Electrocompnts	381	−2	2.0	25.9
314	213	Eurodis Elec	230	−4	3.4	16.5
132	65	Eurodollar	131	+1	7.4	7.9
105	76	European Mtr	94	−5	6.9	8.1
375	286	Evans Halshaw†	375		5.5	13.6
67	57	Fife Indmar	58		7.1	
315	248	Finelist Grp	315	+1	2.2	18.5
30	16½	Gardiner	29		3.7	11.6
64½	37½	Glencheerton	58		1.9	42.6
89	84	Gourings	89		3.9	
253	218	Harris (Philip)	253		3.6	16.1
269	200½	Headlam	269	+4	2.3	21.1
658	497	Henlys	655		2.3	19.2
200	132	Holders Tech£▼	195		3.9	
186	153	ISA Intl	184		1.6	
316	231	Inchcape†	279	−5	4.1	
60	33	Jacks (Wm)	51		4.4	19.3
231	169	Kwik-Fit	231		2.7	16.2
369	299	Lex Service	368		5.1	13.4
147¾	119	Lookers	144		6.9	8.4
17	10½	Malaya Grp	13½		6.1	14.0
9¼	7¼	Middlesex©	7¾	−¼	1.3	
47	31	Midstates	37½	−½		8.5
566	440	Nortam	525	−1	1.8	17.8
304	232	Northamber	290		0.8	23.3
162	130	PCT©	130		7.7	
331	272	Pendragon	331	+1½	3.4	16.8
211	145	Perry Gp	200		5.1	11.6
741	603	Premier Farnell†	735	−4	1.8	
163	135	Quick Group†	163		4.8	13.6
263	185	REA	263		1.9	32.9
3	2	Reece	2¾			
61	38	Ronson	45		4.3	
4½	2	Ross Gp	3½			
55	49	SEP Indl	50		4.0	11.7
19½	12	Saltire	17	−½	0.7	22.6
335	246	Time Products	335	+2	3.5	19.6
41	30	Torex Hire	37	+½	4.3	10.4
326	268	Vardy (Reg)	326		2.3	18.1
413	325	Wholesale Ftgs	400		3.7	21.2
59	31½	Wilshaw	42½		2.4	10.1
143	78	Wyko	127		1.7	
128	104	Young (H)	128		3.8	15.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
0¾	0½	Anglo Utd	0½			
388	288	Antofagasta	353	+8	1.9	11.8
1056	896	Broken Hill	1008	−3	2.6	21.2
340	310½	BTR†	311	−3	5.9	12.8
506	477	BAT†	488	−3	6.1	10.1
217	181	Beresford Intl	208	−2	1.8	20.2
129	111	Bibby (J)	129	+2	5.6	10.4
63¼	50¾	Brierley Inv	60¾	+1	7.8	3.0
972	817	Charter†	964		3.6	14.3
328	282	Cookson†	315	+6	3.2	16.5
180	141	Cosalt	180		6.4	11.1
263	204	DCC	258		3.5	
140	120	Grampian Hldgt	134		5.7	14.9
220	179	Hanson	197		7.6	9.8
172½	141½	Hanson Crdit†	145½	−2½	7.7	15.4
439¾	379½	Hutch Whamp	405¾	−½	2.0	21.3
563½	441¾	Jardine Math	535¼	+5¾	3.1	
217½	174½	Lonrho	189½	+½	3.1	21.3
189	164	McLeod Russel	188		4.3	17.0
478	403	Powell Duffryn	426		7.3	17.5
146	132	Rolmer	132		7.8	
174	155	Sime Darby†	173		2.8	15.3
232	192½	Staveley	227		4.7	15.5

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
265	200	Quadramatic	260		3.9	16.1
16	14½	Quadrant Gp	16		2.0	44.7
65	62	Radiant Metal	65			
69	53	Ransomes	67			18.6
83	55½	Record	80		5.8	14.6
302	231	Renold	298½	+½	2.2	16.9
36	21	Richards Group	21	−2	13.4	6.3
89	78	Richardson Westt	78		5.8	
246	187	Rolls-Royce†	226½	+2	2.8	27.1
240	171	Rotork†	238	−1	2.8	21.7
192	160	Rubicon	189	−1	3.6	18.8
1568¾	1187½	SKF 'B'	1500	−25	3.4	
112	92½	Senior Engt	105	−2	4.3	19.8
245	156	Setfid-Rivet	230	+2½	1.6	23.8
897	750	Siebe	886	+18	1.8	24.5
84	70	Simon Engt	76		1.1	17.0
283	150	Six Hundred	283		1.0	20.3
721	622	Smiths Indt	705	+7	2.7	20.9
736	503	Spirax-Sarco†	734		2.2	21.7
324	287	Sterling Ind	324		3.0	15.7
555	456	TI†	541	+4	2.8	21.0
99	92	Tinsley (E)©	92		7.7	13.5
121	78	Translec	120	−1	2.3	23.8
180	140	Triplex Lloyd	170		5.7	12.6
155	137	Unicorn Intl	153		4.5	15.2
16½	14½	Utd Indst	16		3.5	
16½	10½	Verson	16	+½		
302	247	Vickers	282	+3	3.2	17.1
14	12	Villiers Grp	12½			
770	707	Vitec	747	−2	1.8	14.1
882	815	Vosper Thorny	823		3.3	15.0
436	389	Wagon Ind	416	−2	5.7	12.0
271	212	Warr	257		3.6	15.4
265	228	Wellington Hdgt	265		3.5	
56	42	Wellman	53½	−½	3.9	11.7
425	363	Whatman†	420	+10	3.5	17.9
122	73	Widney	75		5.7	8.7

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
148	109	Adwest	146		6.7	41.7
290	265	Airflow Stream	290	+2	3.4	6.8
633	473	Avon Rubber	632		3.6	15.3
81½	57¾	BSG	77½		5.3	13.8
350	273	Bostrom†	343	−6	2.4	15.1
29	19½	Boustead	20		6.2	
252	175	ERF	238		2.4	14.0
469	431	First Tech	469	+1	2.0	16.7
997	778	GKN†	971	+7	3.1	17.7
3800	3112½	General Mtrl	3612½	+118¾	2.9	
1524½	1312¾	Honda Motor	1508¾	+39¾	0.6	
502	386	Laird†	474	+2	3.2	
445	425	Leades	445		0.3	
242½	172	Lucas†	233	+2	3.8	31.2
116	91	Mayflower†	115		2.2	45.6
178	145	Syltone	165		3.5	13.6
187	152	T & N†	162	+3	4.6	10.3
433	351	Trinity Hldgs	382	−3	2.7	18.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	475	Candover†	508		3.3	
66½	39	Central Euro Gwth	66		0.9	
216	177	Contl Asset	216	+1	1.7	79.5
75	67	Darse Inv Inc	67		14.9	7.8
390	325	Derby Cap	368			
160	141	Derby Inc	142		17.0	7.3
744	683	Dunedin Inc G	712		4.8	24.9
98	84	Dunedin Japan	95	+2½		
369½	314	Dunedin Smlr	369½		3.0	47.5
34	18	Dunedin Wts	24	+1		
886	791	Dunedin Wwide	880	+5	1.3	76.8
115½	102½	Edin Dragon	107½			
30½	25	Edinburgh Inca	28			
345	320	Edinburgh	337½	+1½	3.8	
177	152	EFM Japan	169	+2½		
408	362	Electra Inv	402		2.3	64.2
254	222	Electric Gen	251	+1	1.7	66.7
156	143	English Scot	151			
403	332	European Asset	403	+2	1.5	
219	193	Fidelity Euro Valt	212½	+1	0.3	
85½	71½	Fidelity Jap Val	84½	+1½	0.1	
127	102	Fidelity Spec Val	127		0.5	
185	171½	Finsbury 'A'	185	+2	3.2	59.5
200½	185	Five Arr Chile	192¾	+2½	1.7	53.0
43½	27¼	Five Arr Wts	33	+¼		
324	273	Fleming Amer	323	+1	1.0	
139	109	Fleming Cap	111			
69½	54	Fleming Chinese	59½	+1	1.1	69.8
44	25	Fleming Ch Wts	27½	+2		
277	250	Fleming Claver†	273		2.8	34.6
400	343	Fleming Contl	389½	+2½	1.3	
160	142½	Fleming Em Mkts	149	+1		
272	244½	Fleming Entp	271		2.4	50.5
386	350	Fleming F East	371	+3½	0.4	
452	395	Fleming Fledg	452	+1	0.8	
107	96½	Fleming Hi Inc	105½		5.5	21.7
107	100½	Fleming Income	104½		17.3	11.1
71½	51½	Fleming Indian	65½	−½		
41	28	Fleming In Wts	35			
43	39	Fleming Intl	41½		11.3	11.4
290	249	Fleming Japan	284½	+6½		
345½	286	Fleming Merc	339		2.9	
123	95	Fleming Nat Res	121	+½	0.5	
366	330	Fleming Overs	353	+3	1.6	62.2
137	138	Fleming Smlr Co	137	+2	4.0	29.5
38	29	Fleming Smlr Wt	37			
171	153½	Foreign & Col	161½	+½	1.6	
113	98½	F&C Inc Gwth	100		4.1	29.4
116	104	F&C Emg Mkts	110½	−½		
102	85½	F&C Enterprise	101½		1.5	62.3
306	257	F&C Eurotst	297		0.5	
142	125	F&C German	133	+1	0.5	
307	183¾	F&C Pacific†	201	+2½	1.2	70.0
146	134	F&C PEP	146		3.3	34.1
194	172	F&C Smaller	194	+½	1.4	79.8
144	127	F&C US Smlr	143	+1		
18	14	Fulcrum Cap	14½			
34	30	Fulcrum Inc	32			3.4
169	161	Fulcrum Zero	168½	−½		

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70½	53	Morg Wts	64¼			
75½	57¾	Morg Latn Amer	75¼	+1	...	...
29½	20	Morg Wts	29½	+½		
131	111	Murray Ent	125		2.4	47.0
24	17	Murray Ent Wts	22			
95	82	Murray Emg Eco	93		1.2	
35½	21	Murray Em Ec Wt	29			
66	54	Murray Euro	65½		0.7	
392	363	Murray Income	366	+1	4.1	30.1
429	377	Murray Intl	420	+2	3.8	30.7
187	180	Murray S/C DP	186½			
161	135	Murray S/C Cap	142			
73	66	Murray S/C Inc	71		20.0	6.3
3100	2850	Murray S/C Uts	3100	+25	0.4	
511	434	Murray Small	509		1.1	
375	355	Murray Ventt	375		4.0	30.7
15	13	Newmarket	14			
59	50	Nthrop Inc	52		11.4	11.7
70	58	Nthrop Cap	67			
414	377	O'seas Inv Tst	410	+3	1.1	
218	183	O'seas Wts	208	+3		
147	131	Pacific Assets	143½	+2	0.3	
93½	80½	Perpetual Jap	91	+2		
358	287	Perpt Uk Sm Co	358		0.8	75.6
£121	£111½	Personal Assets	£116½		2.4	
122½	103	Pilot Inv	122½	+½	1.9	59.3
127	108	Prolific Inc	122½	+½	4.8	28.4
238½	210	RIT Cap Ptn	238½	+3½	0.8	
500	450	Robeco	485		2.8	
542	475	Rolinco	526		1.4	
120½	105½	Schrd Asia Pac	115½	+¼		
122	111	Schrod Inc Gwth	120		4.2	
95	78¼	Schrod Jap Gwth	91	+2½		
927½	818¼	Schrod Korea	892¾	+1¼		
359	281	Schrod Medimt	357		0.5	
23½	21	Schrod Split Cap	22			
102	92	Schrod Split Inc	102		9.6	
131½	128½	Schrod Split Zero	131½	+¼		
136	117	Schrod UK Gwth	128		2.9	45.6
281	254	Scot	272½	+1½	2.6	47.2
177½	159	Scot American	176½		3.7	31.3
358	294	Scot Asian	338			
1065	773	Scot Wts	1000			
106	94	Scot Eastern	102		2.1	53.0
278	253	Scot Mtge	266½		2.2	
95	88	Scot Natl Tst	94		10.7	11.8
118	110	Scot Value	117½	+2½	2.1	54.6
2011	1823	Second Allnce	1968	+5	3.0	40.6
96½	68	Secs Tst of Scot	94½	+½	4.9	
147	130	Shires Smlr	145		5.0	
378	345	St Andrew Inv	377	+2	3.0	40.7
388	356	Temple Bar	357		5.1	22.1
127	108	Thmn Asian E	123	+1		
58	45	Throg Dual Cp	50			
83	74½	Throgmorton	81½	+½	3.5	45.4
146½	125½	Tphon Emg Mkt	138	+1	0.7	
173	163½	TR City Of Lon†	166	+½	4.3	
234½	193	TR Euro Growth	232	+1	0.9	
193	173	TR Far East	192½		4.2	31.2

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
646	495	Dorling Kindt	644		0.8	45.6
705	530	EMAP	705	+1	1.9	27.4
1091	845¼	Elsevier	990½	+4	2.3	..
1338	1030	Euromoney Pb	1265		4.3	25.4
34½	19	Fitch	33½			12.0
535	440	Flextech	517	+8		
240	198	GGT Group	227	+2	3.0	17.4
258¾	174	GWR Gp▼	234		1.3	34.3
226	200	Gearhouse Group	223		2.5	14.6
28	18	Goodhead	27		0.5	..
271	217	Grampian	256		2.7	
401	284	HTV Group†	371		1.3	
328	277½	Haynes Pub	328	+10	3.8	15.9
25	18	Highbury Hse	23			
260	213	Hodder H'Inct	223	−1	3.6	
166	145	Home Counts†	145		4.7	
334	273	IBC†	322½	−3½	3.1	12.8
19½	10½	Incepta	19½	+½	..	9.5
568	398	Independent†	540	−8	2.1	23.1
110	98	Intereurope†	98		8.7	18.9
200	144	Johnston Press†	198		1.4	23.5
24	13	Lopex†	21		3.0	10.8
272	142	MAID	265			
68	58	Mediakey	68		1.8	
990	647	Metal Bulletin	983		2.0	34.8
155	118	Midland Indt	148	+1	3.0	
241	175	Mirror Gpt	237	−1	2.1	16.7
635	455	More O'Ferrall	634		2.8	19.2
393	333	News Corp	363	−5	0.4	9.7
337	293	News Intl	319		1.3	12.6
42	20	Osprey Comms	41	+4		
744	618	Pearson†	717	−12	2.9	24.9
205	157	Phonelink	188			
630	575	Portsmth Sund	628		2.4	15.8
316	249	Quarto†	310		2.9	12.5
1230	980	Reed Intl†	1126	+9	2.7	
814	586	Reuters	797	+5	1.5	30.9
344	296	Scot Radio	335	+2	2.4	23.2
741	468	Scot TV†	689		2.9	23.0
57	36	Shandwick	56½		2.9	10.5
58	28	Sleepy Kids©	28	−1	0.4	
322	287	Southnews	322	+8	1.9	19.9
30	23	Sterling Pub©	26	+1½		
45½	35	Taylor Nelson	44		2.0	
563	410	Telegraph	557		2.9	40.7
170	113	Television Cp	168	−1	5.1	25.2
1103	865	Thomson Corp	1103	+6	4.0	23.3
1873	1508	Thorn EMI	1780	−1	2.6	27.7
446	342	Trinity Intl	442	+2	3.0	
1390	1045	Ulster TV	1290		2.4	24.0
747	565	United News	745½	+4½	3.9	24.7
140	113	VIR†	113		5.0	11.7
263	218	Visual Action	249		2.4	18.2
213	157	WPP	199		0.8	21.6
87	66	Wilmington	86			40.4
1058	680	Yorkshire TV†	1055	+1	1.7	

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1200	1075	Henderson Ad	1110		5.1	20.4
286	236	Invesco†	246	+5	2.3	15.8
45	41	Investment Co.	43½	...	6.6	13.3
245	228	Ivory Sime	244		4.0	18.1
230½	196	Jardine Smt	209¾	+¼	4.6	
160	98	Johnson Fryt	136		3.7	6.6
379	328	Liberty Intl	379	+1	4.8	21.6
288	218	Lon Forfaiting	286		4.5	14.9
260	216	London Pacific	259		7.4	22.5
117	87½	Lon Scot Bk	107		2.9	22.2
186	139	Man ED & F	178	−2	6.7	9.1
1354	1157	M & G	1210		3.3	24.2
478	304	MAI	476		2.8	21.2
177½	113½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	177	+2	4.2	
924	841	MAM	918	+8	1.7	20.2
109	94	Nat Home Loan	102		1.2	4.5
2500	1830	Perpetual	2458	+100	2.5	25.8
486	395	Provident†	483		3.5	19.7
336	310	Rathbone Brost	328		3.8	
56½	37½	Rolland Tst†	53	..	2.8	20.0
413	290	S & U	405		5.1	
123	100	SJP Capital	122		3.1	23.1
607	499½	Save Pacific	566½	−2½	2.2	21.4
54	33	Towry Law	52	−1	2.4	
8	5	Trio Hldgs	6½	−½		

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3025	1660	Brit Biotech	2878	+33		
715	340	Cantab Pharms	673			
692	473½	Celltech	673	+38		
588	224	Chiroscience	483	+3		
447	166	Cortecs	375	+9		
969	767	Glaxo Wellcome†	788	+3	4.8	16.0
286	208	Medeva†	245	−1	2.0	14.5
230	198	Peptide Thera	227	+1		
808	524	Scotia	800	+10		
223	183	Shire Pharms	200			
961	75	SkyePharma	95	+5		
726½	628½	SmithKline†	656½	+5½	2.8	18.3
1418	1276	Zeneca	1394	+15	2.8	22.5

PRINTING & PAPER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
155	130	AG Holdings†	148		4.9	12.4
678	547	API	678	+3	1.8	24.8
140	91	App Holo	120	−2		
212	164	Arjo Wiggins†	174	−4	5.4	35.1
295	239	Aspen Comm'Crt	265		2.9	15.3
397	365½	Benmore▼	389	−3	4.6	
173	138	Blagden†	169		1.2	27.0
2725	2169¾	Bowater Inc	2678¼	+12½		
564	419	Bowater Indt	547		1.2	24.0
770	645	Br Polythene†	763	+1	2.7	16.1
38	16	Br Thornton	31		0.8	52.6
168	150	Britton Grp†	165	−1	2.3	15.0
243	191	Bunzl†	239	−3	3.0	15.5
210	173	Capital Indst	198		3.3	17.8
307	284	Cropper (James)	287		7.6	19.1
755	651	De La Rue	743	+12	3.9	15.7
95	84	Delyn Group	87		2.5	12.7
172	131	Dolphin Pack†	171		3.8	
95½	86	Fairway Group	93		5.2	15.9
235	190	Ferguson Intl	227		7.3	10.0
275	231	Filofax©	249		1.5	17.1
177	130	Inveresk	136		5.3	
310	275	Jarvis Porter	290	−2	2.7	15.5
570	459	Low & Bonar	545	−1	3.0	15.1
105	66	MY Holdings†	96		2.7	18.7
248	215	Macfarlane†	247		2.0	
134	130	Nobo Gp	128		6.1	9.9
397	324	Photobition	378		2.0	25.5
196	182	Plysu	195	+6	4.5	20.9
44	37	Porter Chadbrn	41	−1		14.0
410	352	REXAM†	383	−5	4.6	15.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
498	258	Lloyds Chemt	470		2.8	18.0
186	149½	MFI	178	−1	3.0	26.6
463	416½	Marks Spencer	429	−5½	3.1	18.6
635	525	Menzies (John)	587	..	2.9	14.8
30	15½	Merchant Retail	17			11.8
1005	515	Moss Brost	1000	+2	2.2	22.7
582½	420	Next	547		2.7	23.9
63	50	Oliver (G)	62			
526	400	Oriflame Intl	520		2.7	20.8
80	66	Partridge Fine	80		4.5	13.5
56	32	QS Hldgs	48	+1	4.1	
17½	9½	Rhino Grp	17½	+½		
241	191	Rosebys†	239		2.9	19.4
105	94	Sears	97½		5.2	..
34	14½	Signet Group	24¾	−1¼		
506	389	Smith WH	488	+4	4.0	28.2
1070	820	Sothebys†	935	−5	2.3	
362	281	Storehouse	327	−4	2.5	20.2
120	90	Stylo	113		5.4	
221	181	T & S Storest	218	−2	4.1	13.0
171	162	Tie Rack	162	...	2.2	16.2
3½	2¼	Upton & South	3½			
592	542	Vendome	560	−3	2.2	20.3
25	12	WEW Group	25	+3	1.8	
141	117	Wickes	117	−2	2.3	
94	52	Wld of Leather†	93	..	2.2	
222	198	Wyevale	210		3.2	

SUPPORT SERVICES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1213	883	ADT	1203	+3		
135	100	Alpha Airpts†	125		5.0	
38	27	Alphameric	33		0.9	24.7
44	25	Auto Sec	28			
232½	123	BET Ord†	229½	+1	2.3	23.0
174	139	BNB Rest	174	+4	4.6	10.3
368	283	BPP	368	+1	3.8	18.8
184	156	BSM	180		4.8	12.9
1690	1015	BTG	1680	+30	0.3	
1350	850	Borland©	1025			
107	89	Br Bloodstock©	98			31.6
164	123	Brit Data Mgt	163		4.1	23.6
95	80	Brooks Servicet	94		4.0	
410	373	Business Post	377		2.4	25.2
572	329	CMG†	572	+9	0.9	28.8
165	111½	CRT Gp†	160	−3	3.0	24.6
258¾	187	Card Gp	259	+1		
363	285	Capita Group	363	+1	1.3	30.9
23	15	Cardinal Bus	23	+3		
10¾	7½	Chemex	9¾	+½	2.1	15.7
386	317	Chubb Sec	361		2.6	19.1
153	92	Corp Services▼	153	+8	2.9	15.3
56	46	Coutts Cnslgt	52		4.8	20.7
141	73	DCS Gp	133	−8	1.4	20.9
263	214	Davis Service†	248	+1	4.7	13.2
440	367	Delphi†	440	+6	1.3	17.3
142	98	Dudley Jenkins	138		3.1	21.2
71	38	EW Fact	67	+2	1.4	13.3
116	79	El Data Prc	99		2.7	13.1
349	245	FI Group	346	+27	1.5	44.7
445	362	Hays†	443	+3	2.1	21.7
257	210	Hogg Robinson	257	+6	3.9	15.7
2028¾	1434¾	ISS B Dkr	1796¾	−6¾	1.4	12.2
542	360	JBA Hldgs†	541		0.9	
282	256	Johnson Clean	276	+1	5.1	12.5
136	103	Kalamazoo	106		4.5	10.6
489	351	Kewill Sys	489	+4	1.7	17.2
347	123	LBMS©	198	+10		
41	13	Laser-Scan©	33	−3		16.2
109	90	Leigh	107	−1	7.7	12.6
590	452	Logica	590	+8	1.4	25.1
85½	40½	MDIS	79		1.9	
481	246	MMT Comp	479	+26	1.9	29.2
101	66	MR Group	90	+1	3.8	
465	398	Macro 4	465	+22	6.1	12.5
2543¾	1568¾	Manpower	2543¾	+68¾	0.4	
1340	553	Micro Focus	950	+50		
192	175	Microgen	175		5.4	11.9
836	570	Misys	813	+5	1.5	27.0
359	306	MITIE Gp	359		1.2	26.2

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
111	89	Shanks & McEwan	107		4.0	22.1
280	165	Sherwd Intl	275		1.7	
138	120	Shelbley	122		3.6	15.8
20½	10½	Standard Plat©	12½	−½		
248	205	Stat-Plus†	245	+9	5.3	
785	380	Superscape VR	630	+12		
240	205	Warner Howard	225		4.9	
395	310	Waste Mgt Intl	387	−1		
164	127	Waste Recyg	152	−1	1.2	24.5

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
595	326½	BT	334	−7¾	6.8	11.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cable Wireless	464	+5	2.5	19.7
206	155	General Cable	202	−2		
[illegible]	[illegible]	Vodafone	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
30	27	Faupel	27		17.4	5.3
473	445	FII	473	+3	3.3	
126	58	Forminster	65		6.6	6.3
14	7	Foster (John)	10			
68	62	Ganett	62		7.3	
90	70	Gent SR	85		3.7	7.7
129	112	Haggas	126	+1	3.5	17.3
11½	8½	Hartstone	8¾		4.6	27.2
14	7½	Helene Plc	9		18.6	3.9
358	306	Hicking Pntcst	358	+2	2.0	19.9
14	6½	Hollas	7		10.0	
38	28	Honeysuckle	25	−1	8.9	
97	85	Horace Small	90	+1		8.8
182	75	Jacques Vert†	77		10.9	5.1
88	70	Jerome (S)†	82		3.4	10.7
475	436	Jones Stroud	475		2.8	15.7
140	115	Lambert†	115		7.7	
317	245	Lamont	306		5.4	14.6
276	248	Leeds	248	−6	3.3	14.1
58	51	Leslie Wise Gp	55		9.7	32.0
57	44	Lyles (S)	57			
25½	23	Marling	25½		3.2	13.8
6½	4½	PEX	5½			
198	164	Parkland	190		3.8	8.2
117	102½	Pentland	113	−1	3.7	17.4
68	51	Pittards	65		2.9	
69½	59½	Readicut	63½		6.8	16.9
77	61½	Rexmore	77		5.5	8.2
66	38	Richards	58	−2	4.3	
64	51	SEET	55			
133	103	Sherwood Grp	112	−1	4.0	
105	83	Shiloh†	93		5.2	
97	73	Sirdar	77		8.9	32.6
61	42	Stirling Gp	57		4.6	12.7
18	12	Strong & Fisher£†	15		8.3	12.4
26	14	UK Safety	26	+5	3.8	
208	161	Usher (Frank)©	205		6.4	9.9
133	100	Wensum†	116		5.4	
335	310	Yorklyde	316		3.2	12.8

TRANSPORT

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	107	Air London†	128		4.2	15.8
760½	623¾	All Nippon Air	733	+19¾	0.3	
316	265	Assoc Br Ports	299	−4	2.7	17.1
555	472	BAA	529	−4	2.5	17.7
658	464	Br Airways	545	+1½	2.9	13.5
14	8	Central Tran R	11			
113	101	Clarkson (H)	109		3.5	
175	162	Clydeport†	174	−1	3.2	13.1
232	214	Dart	224		2.8	14.2
91	62	Eurotunnel Uts	84	−2		
188	145	FirstBus	177		3.3	
140	85	Fisher (James)	138	−2	1.8	12.5
680	550	Forth Ports†	650	−5	2.3	22.4
347	277	Go-Ahead	306	+5	2.1	13.7
339	248	Goode Durrant	339	+4	2.8	12.9
156	107	IoM Steam	156	+3	3.7	
563	478	Irish Cont	558	−5	0.9	14.1
84	65	Jacobs†	84		1.9	
89	82	Lon O'Seas Frts	88		0.8	17.5
456	390	Mersey Docks	441		3.3	18.1
178	140	NFC	164		5.4	23.8
518	362	Natl Express	503	+5	2.5	14.2
443	372	Ocean Group†	440	+5	4.1	19.4
100	86	Ocean Wilson	90	+2	5.8	3.6
564	467	P & O Dfd	518	−2	7.4	13.6
183	166	P & O 5.5%	172	−1	4.0	
67	56	Seacon	62		4.4	28.7

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
25	17	Bolton Gp	19			
46	38	Bourne End	46	+3	3.3	29.1
240	207	Bradford	232	+2	4.0	21.5
125	97	Brightstone	125	−3	3.8	
445	376	Br Land	421	−1	2.5	40.5
194	168	Brixton†	180		6.0	16.4
139	105	Burford	139	−2½	1.8	46.1
107	92	CLS Hldgs†	107		6.1	13.7
190	149	Cap & Regnl▼	189		1.7	
289	216	Cap Shop Ctrs	287½	−½	3.3	28.4
158	145	Cardiff Prop	157		2.2	22.2
21	17	Carlisle	19½		1.6	20.8
14½	9	Catney Intl	11½			
278	176	Chelsfield†	252	+5	1.4	28.9
462	430	Chesterfield	461		3.5	20.1
101	66	Chesterton Intl	101	−2	3.7	14.9
40	30½	City Site Ests	35			
8½	6	Clarke Nickolls†	7¼		4.4	
135	109	Compco	135		3.1	17.2
1200	1125	Daejan	1185		3.3	11.4
518	463	Frogmore	513		4.4	24.2
293	228	Grainger	292		2.9	10.9
185	161	Gt Portland	173	−2	6.1	14.1
162	140	Greycoat	159	−1	0.5	
61	36	Hambro Cntyw	60			
397	330½	Hammerson†	397	+4	2.4	25.9
391	314	Helical Bar†	391	+9	2.3	
29	23½	Herongate†	28½	+½	2.2	12.1
40	30½	High-Point	43			
158¾	118	HK Land	139½	−½	5.5	15.3
170	160	Jermyn	168		1.9	
1	0¾	Kendell	0¾			
96	86	Lambert Smith	91			
679	599	Land Sec	658	−5	4.8	19.2
285	200	London Ind	250		4.9	13.6
35½	28½	Lon & Assoc†	35½		2.5	
5	3	Lon & Metro	4			
93	86	Lon Merch Sec	89		6.2	30.0
435	388½	MEPC	425	+2	5.9	23.6
6½	5½	McInerney A	5½			
130	122	McKay Secs	127		5.1	18.2
75	63	Merivale Mre	70		7.1	7.3
33	26	Moorfield Est	31½		3.0	41.0
1081½	990¾	Mountview	1081½	+90¾	3.2	9.1
150	135	Mucklow (A&J)†	146	−2	5.6	19.8
43	30	OEM	35			4.8
83	64	ORB	73			
33	22	Olives Prop	30		1.7	
156	126	PSIT	151		4.7	16.5
426	308	Peel	424		1.7	
181	143	Pillar Prop	174		3.2	39.2
2	2	Power Corp#	2			
4¾	3½	Premier Land	4			
27½	22	Raglan	25¼		5.0	7.9
29½	20½	Regalian	29½	+1		29.3
173	129	Rowlinson Secs	173		1.7	13.5
90	84	Rugby Estt	88		3.1	22.1
61	56	St Modwen Prp	59		4.4	9.7
63	53	Saville Gdn (J)	55		6.8	13.3
76	52	Savills	72		4.3	13.3
78	70	Scot Met	76		4.3	13.0
144	124	Shaftesbury	143	−1	1.5	18.9
240	192½	Slough Estates†	228	+1	4.7	
212	203	Smart (J)	211		5.3	10.0
51	34	Southend Prop	43	−2	7.4	
118	96	Specity Shops	117	+1	2.6	
74½	53	TBI	74½		0.3	28.2
136	132	Tops Ests	135		2.2	34.8
98	87	Town Centre	97		4.3	15.0
111	97	Trafford Park	111	+1	3.8	11.4
113	64	UK Land	110		1.1	12.3
61	42	WSP Group	52		5.3	
205	180	Warner	202		7.3	18.1
205	185	Warnford	198		4.9	16.5
77	65	Wates	76½	−½		
35	28	Walney Mkt©	32			
70	41	Wood John D©	60		4.2	18.6

RETAILERS, FOOD

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
119½	101¾	ASDA Group	118¾	+¼	2.4	17.7
361	294	Argyll	340	−3	4.8	13.3
717	637	[illegible] Bros	713	..	1.7	
45	31	Budgen	45		3.2	15.9
17½	13½	Cullens	15½		4.0	21.8
69	58	Dairy Farm Intl	59½	−¼	6.7	8.3
310	281	Farepak	304		3.3	12.9
58	41	Fitzwilton	56		5.6	12.8
120	108	Fyffes	110		2.0	11.7
240	185	Geest	219		4.7	57.1
1360	1150	Greggs†	1355		2.4	17.1
161	142	Iceland Group†	151	+1	4.3	8.9
520	428	Kwik Save	453	−1	5.6	8.2
177	142	Morrison (W)†	173	−1	1.0	..
179	140	Nurdin Peack	166		5.6	
93	73	Park Foods	89		4.2	16.0
12	6½	Regina Hlth©	6½			
425	356	Sainsbury J	388½	+1½	4.0	14.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
95	87	Gibbs & Dandy	89		4.9	9.2
209	178	Graham Grp†	194	−1	3.7	
406	397	Halstead (J)†	405		2.7	17.6
321	279	Hepworth†	300		6.2	15.3
60	36	Hewetson	60		5.2	12.7
251	215	Heywd Wms	248	−2	7.0	13.5
90	68½	Ibstock†	84		3.0	11.8
405	335	Johnston	389		3.6	
88	65	Lilleshall†	73		8.3	9.3
155	111	Marley†	142	−5	4.1	16.2
184	148	Marshalls	177		3.5	12.7
471	372	Meyer Intl	445	−8	3.2	16.8
149	114	Newman Tnks†	144	−1	6.0	16.9
106	83	Norcros	106	+3		
29	16	Phoenix Timber	21			21.9
223	182	Pilkington	204½	−2½	3.0	16.2
303	174½	Polypipe	191	−1	1.8	17.7
1109	928	RMC Gpt	1066	−6	2.7	13.8
438	350	Redland†	407	−2	5.1	15.5
112	84½	Roskel	110		5.4	
153	121	Ruberoid†	152		5.0	
140	102	Rugby Group	122	−2	3.7	22.1
131	113	Russell (A)†	126	−4	2.7	17.8
255	196	SIG▼	244	−1	3.4	
4¼	3	SWP	3½			
182	156	Sharpe & Fisher†	182	+1	3.6	14.9
27	16¼	Spring Ram	21			
208	175	Streamline Hldgs	196		4.9	
136	102	Tarmac†	124	−2	5.5	20.3
147	97	Titon	128		4.7	11.7
458	350	Travis Perkins†	443		2.6	18.8
38	28	Tudor†	38	+2	3.3	17.2
50	31	Waterhouse©	31			
489	433	Wolseley	479	+2½	2.6	16.5

CHEMICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
188	156	Albright & Wilt	177		4.5	
139	125	Allied Colloids	135		2.4	20.6
210	185	Amber Ind	190		3.7	12.4
100	66	Amberley Gp	90		1.8	25.9
£188¾	£144¾	BASF DM	£176¾	+206¼	3.4	
948	872	BOC	934	+3	3.7	17.1
310	265	BTP	298		4.6	17.3
£229⅝	£171½	Bayer DM50	£213¾	+218¾	3.0	
111	70	Brent Chems	111	+1	2.3	
219	195	Br Vita	202	−1	4.9	16.4
257	192	Canning (W)†	253		4.0	16.4
460	401	Courtaulds	427	+16	4.6	19.6
351	311	Croda†	342		3.4	16.5
250	208	Doeflex†	249		3.4	14.2
296	248	Ellis & Everard	285		3.8	15.2
94	74	Euro Colour	84		2.8	20.5
197	164	Gibbon	167		4.8	12.0
93	76	Hickson	78	−1	3.2	
£238¾	£174¾	Hoechst	£211¾	+68¾	2.6	
166	102	Holliday Chem	147		4.3	17.2
950	759	ICI	874	+6	4.3	12.5
402	320	Inspec	346	+2	2.2	16.7
147	111	Kalon	142	+2	4.2	
782	629	Laporte†	736		4.0	17.5
325	275	Manders†	309	+4	4.7	14.1
98	76	Mersiemt	93	−3	2.4	
37	28	Metrotect	29		6.5	
428	345	Porvair	427		1.6	23.8
245	221	Scapa	237		3.3	16.9
34	26	Sutcliffe Speak	30		1.9	36.9
1148¾	922½	Takeda Chem	1097¾	+25½	0.8	15.1
1133	968	Wolstenhlme R	1078	−25	2.8	16.6
296	255	Yorks Chem	292	−2	3.7	16.3
363	305	Yule Catto†	359		2.8	17.7

DISTRIBUTORS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
100	87	ABI Leis	97	+1	5.6	10.0
466	390	Adam & Harvey	380		6.3	5.1
19	14	Alexanders	17		2.2	
109	68	Appleyard	105	−1	7.4	
4	3½	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	
630	505	BSS Group	629	...	3.9	18.1
38	25	Bandt	26	...		
33	16	Bearing Power	22		7.1	15.7
45	23	Bogod 'A'	43		2.1	14.2

ENGINEERING

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
348	277	AIM	344		1.6	
96½	73	APV†	93	−1	3.6	26.7
99	70	ASW†	85		5.9	
453	395	Alumasc	453	+3	2.2	20.0
175	133	Alvis	149½	−4½	1.7	15.0
201	170	Ash & Lacy†	185		4.5	15.1
838	638	Atlas Equpt	788	−10	3.5	20.8
148	130	Ayrshire Metal†	130		5.7	
351	284	BBA†	327	−1	2.3	22.1
131	101	BI Group	130		4.6	15.4
163	133	BWI†	163		5.1	11.8
145	108	Babcock	111	−1	2.9	65.4
7¼	6	Bailey (CH)	7			
142	98	Baynes (Charles)†	142	+1	2.2	21.3
36	24	Beaufort	34	−1	1.5	
80	38	Benson Group	50	−3		
105	95	Billam	100		6.6	
564	403	Bodycote	558	−1	1.5	
48	35½	Booth Inds	41			
23½	17	Brasway	22½		3.5	15.2
130	99	Bridon	129		4.4	27.7
903	787	Br Aerospace†	890	+1	1.8	22.1
201	161	Br Steel	193	+3½	5.8	5.3
14¼	11½	Brooke Tool	13¼	−½	1.8	12.1
38	28½	Brunel	30		2.1	11.4
113	94	Bullough	107½		7.0	22.6
143	92	Burnfield	129		3.2	15.2
315	293	Carclo Eng	309		4.1	15.7
185	171	Castings	183	−1	2.5	14.8
158	140	Chamberlin Hill	145		6.2	8.7
445	358	Chemring	428		3.2	17.7
275	195	Clyde Blowers	268		3.1	59.2
606	471	Cobham	606	+1	2.0	
645	635	Cohen (A)	645		1.2	6.0
194	184	Concentric	194		4.3	13.6
258	215	Cook (Wm)	256		4.0	10.5
225	190	David Brown	225		4.3	
395	355	EIS	391		4.3	
31	18	Elecot	18		1.7	10.1
107	74	Elliott (B)	87		3.9	9.2
99	86	Expamet	98	+1	3.8	19.8
182	153	FKI	171	+2	3.5	16.1
173	130	Fenner	167	−1	2.8	16.2
8	1½	Ferrum	5½			
58	38	Firth Hldgs	58	+1½		32.5
63½	57	Firth Rixson	58½		2.1	24.3
143	120	GEI Intl	143	+1	3.1	14.2
222	176½	[illegible] Eng	192		4.5	7.4
393	320	Glynwed†	349	−4	4.6	13.7
17	13½	Graystone†	14½		4.8	9.6
99	71½	Haden MacLn	96		3.2	15.1
239	181	Hadleigh	231		2.2	16.0
268	177	Hall Eng	268		3.7	18.4
201	166	Halma	189		1.5	23.9
61	43	Hampson Ind	59	−1	4.7	13.6
32	23	Hay (Norman)	27			26.6
51	28	Headway	40		0.9	36.4
117	95¾	Hill & Smith	113	+1	6.4	11.4
41	31	Hopkinsons	34	+½	4.9	
42	34	How Gp	40		3.6	27.3
76	65½	Howden	73		4.7	9.5
232	198	Hunting†	212		5.9	18.3
385	311	IMI†	358	−3	4.0	21.9
643	510	Johnson Matth	641	+7	3.0	18.6
60	43	Jones Shipman	57			11.9
635	565	Kelsey Ind	595		5.0	10.6
288	226	Lincat	226		4.5	12.6
28	23¼	Locker (T)	28		1.9	27.9
47½	34	ML Hldgs	42		3.9	13.7
36	27	MS Intl	27		5.8	
314	232	Mang Bronze	302		2.3	13.2
524	399	McKechnie†	501	−1	4.2	15.0
106½	84	Meggitt†	93		5.3	18.9
136	109	Metalrax†	124		4.0	
98	68	Mezzer	95	+2	4.4	12.3
1037	765	Molins†	1013		2.5	
443	384	Morgan Cruc†	438	−1	3.9	17.3
290	254	Morris Ashby	290	..	3.0	15.1
55	45	Neepsend	46	−1	4.3	9.7
17	12½	OMI Intl	15			
458	371	Powerscreen	453	−2	2.3	16.9
6	4	Prospect Inds	5¼	−¼	5.0	

INSURANCE

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1350	1175	Alex & Alex	1312½	−12½	0.5	
2487½	2162½	Am Genl	2269¾		2.8	
116	87	Angerstein	115½	+½	3.6	59.5
65	50	Archer	62	−1	2.0	57.6
76	64	Bradstock	72	−1	5.9	13.1
821	740	Britannic†	773		2.5	30.7
116	93	CLM Insce	116	−5	3.5	63.8
635	569	Com Union†	629	−6	5.6	8.1
130	111	Cox Insce	130	−3		
1725	1545	Dom & Gen	1725		2.8	16.6
203½	185½	FBD IE	201½	−2½	4.4	
159	105	Fenchurch Grp	139	−2	6.2	6.5
122	105	Finsbury Under	122	+1	1.7	61.7
671	612	Gen Accident†	668	−14	5.9	10.5
280	218	GRE†	272	−1	4.1	3.6
110	89	HCG Lloyds†	110	−5	3.6	36.5
100	74	Heath C E	100		17.5	6.3
283½	237½	Hibernian IE	259½	−½	4.4	
127	103	Hiscox Select	127	−1	2.4	52.5
507	373	Independent†	492	−1	2.9	3.8
271	246	Irish Life†	266	−1	5.4	23.9
118	97	JIB Group	116		8.1	23.9
106	97	Kiln Capital†	106		4.7	
740	661	Legal & Genl	730	+3	4.2	19.4
2450	1706¼	Liberty Life	1884¼	−12½	7.5	5.6
184	163	Lloyd Thomp†	180	−1	6.4	10.6
549	444	Lloyds Abbey	535	−1	5.0	12.5
432	370	London & Man†	405		5.8	12.5
128	100	London Ins Mkt	127	−½	2.9	37.9
153	131	Lowndes Lmb	147½	+½	7.1	8.3
6593¾	5487½	Marsh McLn	6187½	−37½	3.4	
114	98	Masthead	112½		3.6	33.7
199	146	Nelson Hurst	199	+1	4.9	13.6
103	82	New London Cap	103	−5	4.4	37.6
63	54	Ockham	62	−3	6.3	
192	105	Orion	154		2.4	
96	81½	Premium Trust†	95		4.6	22.7
139	131	Premium Under	139			
464	415	Prudential†	443	−2	4.4	11.1
[illegible]	20	PWS	24		1.8	11.1
540	430	Refuge†	530		3.7	33.6
458	339	Royal	432	+4	4.6	7.2
151	114	Sedgwick	141	−2	6.1	12.6
48	33	Steel Burrill	45		12.2	5.5
434	349	Sun Alliance†	407	−4	5.7	7.7
111	92	Syndicate Cap	111		3.1	32.0
846	705	Utd Friendly†	802	−1	3.9	[illegible]
168	141	Willis Corroon	145	−1	4.6	[illegible]
22	15	Windsor	20		3.1	19.3

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

BRITISH FUNDS

Iola Smith introduces a two-page report on the regeneration of Wales which has attracted almost £8 billion of overseas investment

Bridging the past with the future

Cast aside all thought of grimy collieries and towering slagheaps. During the past 20 years Wales has been transformed economically, environmentally and socially.

Pride in the heavy industrial past remains, of course. Reminders of the dominance of coal and steel are everywhere: in the landscape, architecture, art and literature, myth and memory. As recently as 1976, 120,000 people still worked in the Welsh coal and steel industries. But economic reality has moved on — and so has the principality.

Diversification has revitalised the economy. An effort to attract overseas investment has saved or created 140,000 jobs and encouraged foreign-owned companies to pour in almost £8 billion since the early 1980s. A third of Wales's manufacturing workforce is now employed by companies from overseas.

The number of workers in the coal and steel industries, on the other hand, has shrunk to fewer than 20,000. The bulk of them work in steel and produce an output similar to that of the 1970s, but with 50,000 fewer employees.

Coalmining, the industry synonymous with Wales for more than a century, has almost vanished. Tower Colliery at Hirwaun, now a profitable private company owned and managed by its shareholding miners, is all that remains of the once-powerful Glamorgan coalfield.

Speeding the progress of much of this revitalising of the Welsh economy has been the Welsh Development Agency (WDA), which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

David Rowe-Beddoe, the chairman of the agency, says: "We were established to promote employment. In the past ten years, total employment has grown by 11 per cent in Wales, compared with 3 per cent in the UK as a whole. During the same period, growth in manufacturing output is up by 43 per cent in Wales but only by 18 per cent in the UK."

Wales has welcomed innovation in place of tradition

Although a few unemployment blackspots remain, in general the news from the manufacturing sector is good. Companies are expanding and developing. Ford, for example, is setting up a training centre at Bridgend, Calsonic is undertaking research at Llanelli, and last month the American company General Electric unveiled plans to develop a £27 million engine-testing facility at Nantgarw.

Meanwhile, there is strong speculation that Lucky Goldstar, the South Korean electronics company, might shortly announce a £1 billion investment in South Wales creating 4,000 jobs.

One feature that makes Wales attractive to overseas companies and tourists alike is the landscape. National parks cover 30 per cent of the principality — not to mention the attractions of nature reserves and areas of outstanding natural beauty such as the Gower Peninsula and the Menai Strait.

Urban areas of Wales are benefiting from Europe's largest land reclamation programme which is removing the final traces of industrial dereliction. Hospitals, schools, houses and parks now stand on former coal tips, and 25,000 people work in factories built on reclaimed land.

Reclamation aside, the agency is helping to improve the environment of 40 Welsh towns from Caernarvon and Rhyl in the north to Llanelli and Barry in the south, pumping £320 million into improving shopping and community facilities.

The signs of renewed confidence and expansion are all around. Last month the Land Authority for Wales announced a £12 million investment at Port Talbot where Tesco will develop a shopping complex. In Caerphilly, a £5.5 million shopping centre has been built opposite the town's medieval castle, while in Swansea the castle square is being redeveloped and plans are afoot to link the marina more closely with the city centre.

The largest urban renewal project, however, is in Cardiff, where the Bay Development Corporation is regenerating one-sixth of the city. A £191 million barrage, enclosing a 500-acre lake and creating eight miles of waterfront, is due to be completed in 1998. More than £600 million of private investment has been attracted to South Cardiff, creating 10,500 jobs.

These 20 years of change have enabled Wales to transform its image in the eyes of the world. No longer an inward-looking land, it has welcomed innovation in place of tradition to become a dynamic country that Japanese, Europeans and Americans are happy to visit, and to live and work in.

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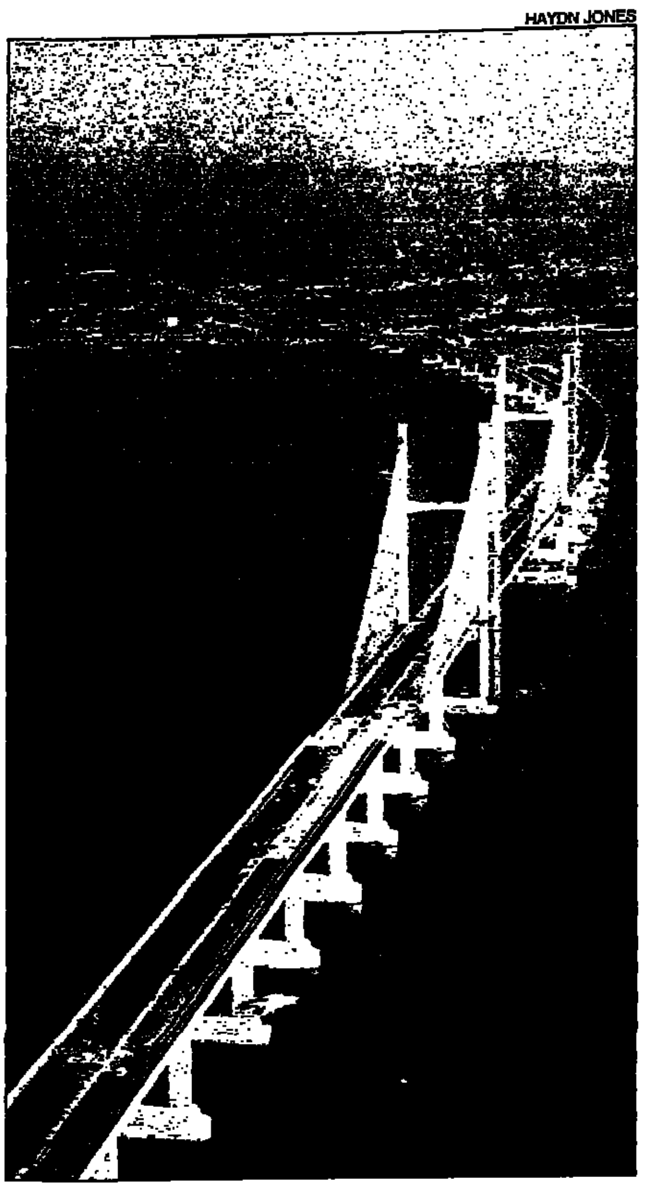

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Encouraging hope, expanding horizons

Local businesses are the backbone of the Welsh economy — so to give them an extra boost a "Source Wales" suppliers' network has been established by the Welsh Development Agency.

"This puts small and medium-sized businesses in touch with multinational companies that can use their products," says Brian Morgan, the agency's chief economist. "Industries as diverse as electronics, avionics and the automotive sector are covered. For example, we have nine firms supplying Toyota and a further 22 providing parts for Rover.

"Although there is no Volkswagen assembly plant in the area, our involvement with Bosch has enabled Welsh companies to directly source Volkswagen plants in Germany. More than 500 businesses have joined so far."

The Source Wales approach is being emulated elsewhere — including England, where the Department of Trade and Industry is introducing the concept — but already Wales is going one step further by encompassing the service sector as well as manufacturing. Businesses will be encouraged to find their design, marketing and financial services in Wales, instead of overseas or in the City of London.

To help companies choose Welsh services, the principality's financial services infrastructure is being strengthened. The Financial Services Initiative was set up to attract more financial businesses to Wales — and during the next four years these companies are expected to create 10,000 jobs.

The initiative has already encouraged Midland Bank and Legal & General to establish centres in Wales. The Midland is setting up a customer services centre in Swansea, creating 470 jobs. Swansea has also received investment from Lloyds Bank, which is introducing a pilot telephone information service for the customers of its central London branches.

A £50 million multimedia business park linked to a satellite earth station in Cardiff Bay should also help the service sector to expand. Designed to create 3,500 jobs by the year 2000, it will provide the infrastructure needed to bring even more financial services and telecommunications companies to Wales.

Information technology should also help in this respect. Wales is one of only four regions in Europe invited by the European Union to develop regional technology plans. The intention is to enable the principality, along with Limburg in Holland, Lorraine in France and Saxony in Germany, to develop technological blueprints that can be implemented elsewhere across the continent.

Wales's plan, which will be launched this month, focuses on fostering links between universities and companies to help develop new products and processes. Another aim is to establish new sources of finance for small businesses, to help them to join the high-tech revolution at a manageable cost.

A PRINCIPALITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WORLD

One sector that Wales needs to strengthen is distribution, but two major projects should raise the principality's profile in this respect, making it more attractive to international and UK distribution companies. The first project — the Second Severn Crossing — is due to open next month. The £380 million bridge is expected to bring benefits to the Welsh economy of £150 million a year, besides hopefully creating 300 new transport jobs.

The second development focuses on railways. Earlier this month south Cardiff was selected as a site for Wales's Eurorail freight terminal. This will allow companies to transport their products directly to continental markets — some of them in Wales's partner regions of Baden-Württemberg, Germany; Lombardy, northern Italy; Catalonia, Spain and Rhône-Alpes, France. In addition to attracting inward investment such as that from the German company Bosch, the Motor Regions Partnership has fostered joint ventures between local businesses in the five regions. This year, for example, 20 Welsh businesses have started new joint projects with their counterparts in Lombardy.

These links are helping the Welsh economy to grow. In the run-up to the millennium it is expected to increase at 4 per cent a year — 1 per cent better than the UK as a whole..

But the WDA recognises that prosperity is not spread evenly across the principality. Gwynedd needs more investment, while Pembrokeshire and South West Wales have been buffeted by problems ranging from the BSE scare to the *Sea Empress* oil spill.

To improve these regions' prospects, the WDA has set itself the task of taking 20 per cent of inward investment westward, beyond the successful M4 and A55 corridors.

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THE ARTS

Making an impact: children watch a Welsh National Opera production of *Pagliacci*

The land is alive with the sound of music

Music takes centre stage in Wales this year as the Welsh National Opera and the Llangollen International Eisteddfod celebrate their 50th anniversaries.

Both have enriched the country's cultural life, and raised Wales's artistic profile internationally. The WNO is recognised as one of Europe's leading companies, while it was at Llangollen that the tenors Pavarotti and Domingo made their British debuts.

Fifty years ago the WNO presented its first performances, a double bill of *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *Pagliacci*. New productions of these operas are the highlight of the anniversary celebrations. In July the company will present the world premiere of a newly commissioned opera, *The Doctor of Myddfai*. Composed by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, it echoes the legend of Fan Lake, in which a nymph marries a mortal and their children are endowed with healing powers.

In parallel with the anniversary celebrations, an exhibition is being held at the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff. Called *Silken Lines and Silver Hooks*, it features costume and set designs from a variety of operas including *Falstaff* and *La Traviata*.

The WNO, however, expects to wait until March 2000 before it has a new home in Cardiff Bay. Some months ago, after the Millennium Commission rejected the Opera House Trust's submission, the likelihood of seeing a purpose-built home for opera on the waterfront seemed remote. But last month, the Institute of Welsh Affairs established a consortium of business, local authority, arts and tourism organisations to present a new bid for a music theatre.

The institute has until September to seek millennium-fund support for the venture. A new design will be selected, and the entire project will cost £50 million — significantly less than the cost of the previous submission.

Gareth Jones, the project's co-ordinator, says the music theatre will serve a much wider audience than the rejected Opera House. "As well as accommodating the WNO, we will be able to attract West End musicals to Wales for the first time," he says. "In addition, we are involving the National Museum in the project as it wants to establish an Imex cinema in the building."

This tripartite venture should simplify funding. The National Museum will be able to seek support from the Heritage Fund and the WNO from the Arts Council. Both of these sources can provide 75 per cent of the project's cost.

In July the WNO chorus and orchestra will travel to North Wales to accompany Bryn Terfel, the Welsh baritone, at the Llangollen festival's anniversary concert. During the festival week the small town will welcome 10,000 musicians and dancers from across the world.

The highlight of last year's festival was the triumphant return of Pavarotti. This year it is hoped that Nelson Mandela, the South African President, will be chief guest at the anniversary celebrations.

An exhibition illustrating the festival's history will be mounted at Llangollen's European Centre for Traditional Cultures. It will open on June 11, the day the first festival was launched 50 years ago.

Further West in Gwynedd, the village of Llanberis is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Snowdon Mountain Railway. Built for £160,000, the train carried its first passengers up the mountain in April 1896. They paid five shillings for the trip. Today the service, which remains Britain's only rack and pinion passenger railway, carries 130,000 visitors a year.

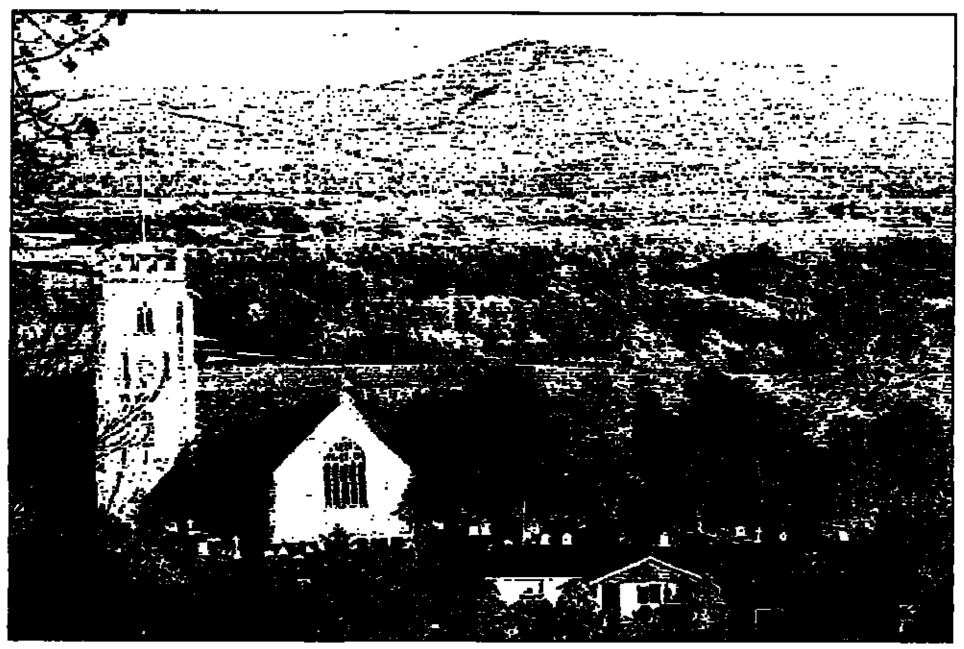
Bringing the beauty of the Welsh countryside to the urban South Wales valleys was the aim of the 1992 National Garden Festival held in the former steel town of Ebbw Vale. Located on a reclaimed steelworks site, it attracted two million visitors.

Almost four years later, the festival's main features have been retained and the site is being redeveloped as the new village of Victoria Green. More than 100 houses have been built around a 60-acre park and 1,000 jobs are likely to be created by the new retail and technological park developments.

The success of the garden festival led to demands for a national botanic garden in Wales. This year the site was selected at Middleton Hall, a 500-acre Regency park near Carmarthen. The £43 million garden, which has received £21 million from the Millennium Commission, is due to open in May 2000.

Woodlands encompassing trees from four continents will be created, and there will also be specialist environments for alpine, aquatic and native Welsh plants. Part of the restored walled garden will feature medicinal plants mentioned in medieval documents as having been used by the healers of Myddfai — the people being celebrated in song this summer by the WNO.

New life for the countryside



Montgomery: Welsh market towns can apply for grants to develop facilities

Sustainable development, which encourages economic growth without jeopardising the environment, is the way ahead for rural Wales. In the White Paper, *A Working Countryside for Wales*, William Hague, the Secretary of State for Wales, insists that a vibrant economy is the key to a healthy environment. "Enterprise," he says, "makes rural life possible."

Without it communities die and mid-Wales came close to that in the early 1970s. Almost 50,000 people had left the area to find jobs in the cities and the remaining countryside communities were becoming isolated. To revive their fortunes the Development Board for Rural Wales was set up in 1977. It adopted the sustainable approach and depopulation was reversed.

John Taylor, the board's chief executive, says: "We have reduced dependence on agriculture by bringing manufacturing companies to the region. But we have ensured that all factories and workshops blend with the landscape. That is our greatest asset and the reason why people choose to live and work in the countryside."

The board has built Britain's greenest business park at Machynlleth. The first factory to be built on the reclaimed railway goods yard is constructed from locally sourced, environmentally-friendly materials. Its fuel bills are 66 per cent lower than those of conventional factories and the park is screened from the road by willow trees.

Agriculture still remains one of the biggest industries, employing 10 per cent of the population directly and a further 15 per cent in farming-related professions. However, more than 2,000 jobs are expected to be lost over the next four years on mid-Wales farms, according to the development board. Fewer farms and more part-time farming is the way ahead.

The Welsh Office is keen to locate more food companies in the countryside. Its Welsh Food Strategy seeks to process more dairy, vegetable and meat products in the communities where they are produced. Overseas investors are also being encouraged into the countryside. The first Japanese company arrived in January, joining American and European firms already in residence.

RURAL WALES

Much of the industrial activity is located in market towns. In a bid to make these towns more attractive to locals, tourists and investors the White Paper unveiled a market towns initiative. Towns such as Montgomery can apply for up to £40,000 from the development board to improve their environment and facilities.

In villages, emphasis is placed on retaining local services. Llanbadarn Fynydd in Powys lost its shop, post office and petrol station in 1994. Assisted by a development board grant the villagers established their own shop in a portable building in the car park. Two years on the shop is a success and the community plans to reopen the post office and petrol station.

In the past rural communities have suffered because of their remoteness. Thanks to new technology, however, communicating is no longer a problem. In Powys the county council's rural information network has placed computers in community venues such as the the library to help people to obtain anything from social security benefits to a passport. They are also the first in Britain to receive details of job vacancies by computer, without having to travel to job centres.

The Powys approach is being emulated by the North Wales Economic Forum which is seeking millennium funding to bring cable technology to rural North Wales. "Telecommunications is vital in rural areas," says Dafydd Hughes, of the Welsh Development Agency. He is fostering a multimedia industry in Gwynedd and, in parallel with the European Union, is developing links between Gwynedd and Ireland.

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UK Smaller Cos	89.07	97.70†	+ 0.20	2.50
Select Managers	91.51	98.05	+ 0.34	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	92.84	98.77	...	..
Special Oppor Inc	64.25	68.35	.	.
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 228 8020				
Balanced Growth	138.91	147.00†	+ 0.53	1.30
-do- Accum	160.07	169.39	+ 0.61	1.30
Smaller Cos	156.10	165.18†	+ 0.08	0.44
Higher Yield #	55.90	59.16†	+ 0.27	3.64
American Gth Inc	104.39	110.47	+ 1.31	..
European Growth	163.24	172.74	+ 1.22	0.10
-do- Accum	166.52	176.21	+ 1.25	0.10
Global Bond Inc #	26.74	27.71†	− 0.71	8.93
Mngd Ptolio Inc	54.14	57.27	+ 0.97	1.29
-do- Accum	55.80	59.02	+ 1.00	1.29
Int Spec Opps	169.68	179.55	− 1.43	.
Pacific Gth	158.49	167.71	− 0.54	0.02
UK General #	95.00	100.53	+ 0.53	2.72
-do- Accum #	100.60	105.82	+ 0.56	2.72
Japan	65.60	69.41	+ 1.13	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	97.77	101.32†	− 1.21	6.68
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.90	65.74	..	6.46
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	191.70	201.80	+ 0.70	1.83
UK Growth	205.60	216.40	+ 1.00	2.04
UK Income	144.60	152.20†	+ 0.40	4.52
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	232.00	245.90	...	1.61
-do- Income Dist	121.50	128.60†		3.88
-do- Accum	390.10	413.50	...	3.88
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.54	42.59	.	6.39
Growth Units	242.70	259.60	..	2.07
Bond	172.00	181.40	.	7.50
Intl Growth	253.80	270.10†	..	0.19
North American	259.20	276.10	.	0.19
Far East	328.20	348.90	..	0.70
UK Smaller Cos	229.50	245.50	.	0.95
European	97.13	103.00	...	0.69
Japanese Growth	51.46	54.66†	.	.
High Income	211.00	225.70	.	4.14
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	228.00	242.80	+ 2.10	..
European Inc	93.41	98.85	+ 0.45	0.68
Smaller Cos (4-1)	106.49	113.20	+ 0.11	1.30
Growth	535.20	569.40	+ 1.40	1.54
Income & Growth #	458.70	485.80	+ 1.50	3.82
-do- Accum #	675.00	718.10	+ 2.20	3.82
Japan & Gen	77.04	81.73	+ 0.67	.
Master Portfolio	£117.96	£121.86†	+34.00	1.85
-do- Accum	£144.53	£149.32	+43.00	1.85
Special Sits	125.00	133.00	+ 0.30	1.56
High Yield	£14.61	£15.07†	+ 3.60	4.35

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	101.86	108.61	+ 0.31	2.36
American Portfolio	122.50	130.14	+ 0.71	0.09
European Portfolio	130.42	139.09†	+ 0.73	0.64
High Income	50.30	50.50†	− 0.06	7.93
Japanese Portfolio	75.00	79.67	+ 0.71	...
Pacific Portfolio	164.06	170.41	− 0.73	1.35
UK Equity	97.11	103.73†	+ 0.15	3.07
UK Equity & Bd	55.71	59.04	− 0.11	6.41
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	754.15	785.55	− 2.57	4.23
Fxd In Sec	153.88	154.58	+ 1.64	9.25
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	735.94	747.08	−15.32	4.39
Investment Acc	£33.17	£33.67	−68.37	..
Fixed Int Inc	123.68	124.18	− 0.90	9.34
Fixed Int Acc	215.24	216.10	− 1.61	.
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	88.59	93.68	+ 1.53	3.17
Beck Bio-Tech	49.07	52.83	. .	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	186.84	198.30	..	0.57
City Fin Assets	81.89	85.99†	..	1.56
City Fin America	122.75	128.90†	+ 3.63	...
City Fin Intl	97.15	102.62†	− 0.39	0.47
City Fin Japan	167.10	175.47	− 1.00	
Friars Hse Cap	328.64	349.62	...	2.15
Friars Hse Inc	200.21	212.98†	..	3.01
Buckley Wrld Grth	156.43	165.81	+ 3.68	.
J Sel Inc/Gth Inc	57.90	60.80	..	1.54
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	60.49	64.18	+ 0.27	..
CLERICAL, MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	83.52	88.65	+ 0.74	...
Dragon Growth	75.97	81.25	− 0.16	0.38
Equity High Inc	89.73	95.46	+ 0.03	4.14
-do- Accum	126.30	134.36	+ 0.05	4.14
Extra Income Inc	26.00	27.38	+ 0.08	7.52
Extra Income Acc	27.81	29.28	+ 0.09	7.52
European Gwth	63.90	67.80	+ 0.39	0.95
Evergreen	32.32	34.56	+ 0.28	...
General Equity	101.33	107.51	+ 0.13	2.88
Japan Growth	56.83	60.49	+ 0.53	...
Pedigree Gwth	63.06	67.98	+ 0.19	2.35
Prd Sm Cos Inc	39.17	41.67†	+ 0.07	1.24
-do- Accum	41.58	44.15	+ 0.07	1.24
Retirement Inc #	27.72	29.49	+ 0.02	5.91
Special Sits	48.88	51.98	+ 0.08	1.94
UK & Overseas	60.70	64.40	+ 0.30	0.53
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 890 000				
Balanced	68.37	71.12	+ 0.18	4.04
Capital	81.62	85.22	+ 0.20	2.30
High Income	50.07	52.09†	+ 0.14	7.28
Top 50	54.82	57.03	+ 0.17	2.14
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	189.19	201.27†	+ 0.58	4.56
Long Gilt	41.75	44.29†	− 0.13	6.46
Monthly Inc Plus	48.86	52.09	+ 0.05	6.60
Preference Share	47.11	50.12†	− 0.01	7.95
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	136.91	145.65†	+ 0.42	5.69
Managed Fund	77.15	82.07†	+ 0.28	2.86
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.89	55.20†	+ 0.11	1.79
-do- Accum	61.37	65.29†	+ 0.14	1.79
UK & General	95.05	101.12†	− 1.07	2.84
-do- Accum	123.29	131.15†	− 1.42	2.84
UK Growth	187.75	199.73†	+ 0.46	7.41
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	218.35	230.18†	+ 0.89	0.61
Far Eastern Gth	147.57	156.98†	+ 0.39	0.03
Global Bond	82.80	87.98†	+ 0.07	5.63
Japan Growth	126.26	134.32†	+ 1.58	..
North Amer Gth	240.43	255.78†	+ 1.80	.
Oriental Growth	88.86	94.64†	− 0.47	0.38
Worldwide Growth	77.85	82.82†	+ 0.53	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.94	91.94†	+ 0.01	5.27
Homeowner Fund	93.31	99.27	+ 0.54	1.52
Quilter Fund	156.26	166.26	+ 0.49	1.88
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.47	39.01		3.18
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 366				
Growth	185.00	196.90†	+ 0.30	1.19
Income	72.31	76.93	+ 0.32	4.87
European	74.50	79.25	+ 0.33	0.66
Recovery	186.70	198.60†	+ 0.30	1.48
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	872.20	887.50	...	3.42
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	112.30	119.40†	+ 0.30	1.09
Income #	283.60	301.70†	+ 0.60	4.19
-do- Accum #	742.40	789.70	+ 1.60	4.19
Smaller Cos	242.40	257.80	+ 0.20	0.89
-do- Accum	299.60	318.70	+ 0.20	0.89
Gth Portfolio	101.90	108.30	+ 0.20	1.57
High Inc Port #	82.57	87.84	+ 0.20	4.33
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1702.00	1759.20	.	.
Japan Small Cos	1462.50	1491.60	.	.
UK Small Cos	2216.20	2303.30	..	2.68
US Small Cos	2170.20	2216.00	...	0.93
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	233.90	246.20	.	2.89
For Dunedin see Edinburgh				
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	166.10	176.70	+ 0.70	1.83
UK High Inc Inc	171.30	182.20†	+ 0.70	3.75
-do- Accum	231.40	246.10†	+ 0.90	3.75
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.49	62.10	− 0.01	5.96
Envrnmtl Opps	100.30	106.70†	+ 0.20	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	69.56	74.00	− 0.07	0.89
Extra Income Inc	47.86	50.91	+ 0.14	6.66
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	183.50	194.80	+ 1.90	0.41
Convertibles #	23.15	24.60	+ 0.03	5.69
Equity Income #	143.90	152.90	+ 0.30	3.92
EuroFund	62.51	66.18	+ 0.30	0.30
Financial	55.78	59.27	+ 0.15	1.52
Growth & Inc #	287.60	305.60	+ 0.80	2.78
High Dist #	177.80	188.90†	+ 0.30	4.50
International	460.40	489.20	+ 0.70	0.06
Int Cap Inc	108.00	115.30†	+ 0.50	2.52
Latin American	33.39	35.48	+ 0.18	..
Pacific	91.18	96.88	− 0.38	...
Pref High Inc	22.00	23.38†	.	7.06
Tokyo	252.30	267.30	+ 1.30	.
UK Smaller Cos	266.10	282.70†	+ 1.30	1.06
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	335.40	354.20	+ 1.00	0.60
New Asia	254.80	271.30	+ 1.10	0.21
Japan Growth	125.00	132.80	+ 1.80	..
Jap Smlr Co	525.70	560.10	+ 3.00	...
Nth Amer	420.40	446.00	+ 3.70	0.66
UK Inc & Gth	247.20	263.70	+ 0.90	2.81
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Dlgs	115.53	123.57	−0.007	1.38
Growth Acc	253.52	270.92	− 0.00	0.45
Income	613.67	650.97	− 1.19	4.88
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	231.90	246.70	...	0.98
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	94.20	99.16	+ 0.51	1.85
Ethical Tst	52.32	55.07	+ 0.08	0.65
Far Eastern	338.05	355.84	+ 1.16	1.54
High Income	138.97	146.28†	+ 0.26	4.76
UK Index Tracking	49.03	51.61	+ 0.21	3.24
Intl Growth	152.66	160.69	+ 0.44	0.21
North American	150.09	157.99	+ 0.65	1.54
Pelican	136.91	144.12†	+ 0.59	3.15
Smaller Cos	76.10	80.10	− 0.17	2.76
Special Sits	101.69	107.04	− 0.32	2.45
Tst of Inv Tsts	218.37	229.86	+ 1.41	1.07
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	232.71	247.56†	+ 0.28	1.50
Smaller Cos Acc	414.72	441.19†	+ 0.52	1.50
Recovery	59.12	62.89	+ 0.07	1.35
Recovery Acc	60.55	64.41	+ 0.07	1.35
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	89.84	95.27†	+ 0.22	
Fd of Inv Tsts	53.18	56.73	+ 0.36	0.51
High Income #	38.29	41.03†	+ 0.02	11.21
Warrant	55.31	60.12	+ 0.49	
Zero Preference	42.53	45.12	+ 0.07	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	91.94	97.80†	+0.320	2.36
United Charities	304.00	323.40†	−0.800	2.84
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.50
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.41	27.49†	+ 0.02	7.27
Intl Bond	29.41	30.59†	− 0.03	5.50
Income Funds				
High Income	25.80	27.11†	+ 0.10	5.32
Income Plus	126.80	134.90	+ 0.80	3.92
Amer Eq Inc	63.73	67.51†	+ 0.55	1.31
European Income	49.34	52.47	+ 0.26	2.59
Far East Inc	69.74	74.22	+ 0.40	1.81
Global Convertible	26.20	27.87	+ 0.06	2.51
UK Div Gth	30.54	32.48	+ 0.19	2.09
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	72.80	77.66	− 0.39	.
American	337.30	357.50	+ 3.70	.
Amer Spec Sits	198.00	211.30†	+ 2.00	..
Japan Smaller Cos	39.99	42.66	+ 0.26	
European	222.50	236.60	+ 1.00	0.57
European Opps	79.64	84.69†	+ 0.44	0.13
Global Priv	31.97	34.00	+ 0.15	0.66
UK Growth	121.70	129.50	+ 0.39	1.10
Growth & Inc	173.90	184.30	+ 1.20	2.62
Intl PEP	47.67	50.69	+ 0.29	0.96
Japan Spec Sits	103.10	109.90	+ 1.20	
Japan	199.90	212.30	+ 1.70	...
Managed Intl	359.10	381.40	+ 2.20	0.49
Moneybuilder	69.19	73.57	+ 0.37	.
Recovery	61.17	65.04	+ 0.24	1.66
South E Asia	188.60	199.10	− 1.70	0.97
Special Sits	749.60	797.10	+ 3.60	0.56
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	114.19	114.19	+ 0.01	5.50
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	154.60	157.40	..	1.69
Inc Ptolio #	94.92	96.59		3.22
Cap Ptfolio	162.40	165.10		1.08
General Opps	138.80	140.40†	..	3.61
Growth Inc	37.09	37.83†		0.95
Private Portfolio	496.60	506.40	.	1.06
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 385 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	147.20	156.50	+ 0.70	0.49
Emrg Asian	170.00	181.80	− 0.70	...
High Income	21.81	23.17†	+ 0.08	9.71
UK Income	112.70	119.50†	+ 0.20	4.19
US Smaller Cos	431.40	460.70	+ 3.70	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	81.78	87.03	+ 0.44	...
-do- Accum	81.78	87.03	+ 0.44	...
Amer Smlr Cos	741.80	783.40	+11.20	...
-do- Accum	758.00	810.70	+11.70	..
Capital Tst	401.40	427.00†	...	1.16
-do- Accum	586.40	623.80†	...	1.16
Conti Smlr Cos	65.22	69.61	− 0.08	0.78
-do- Accum	68.82	73.45	− 0.11	0.78
Convertible	144.40	153.60	+ 0.10	5.04
-do- Accum	306.40	326.00	+ 0.30	5.04
Emerging Markets	73.89	78.05	+ 0.10	...
-do- Accum	74.24	79.32	+ 0.09	...
European	147.80	158.40	+ 0.70	0.35
-do- Accum	155.20	164.40	+ 0.78	0.35
Extra Income	387.80	412.50	+ 1.40	3.68
-do- Accum	603.50	642.00	+ 2.00	3.68
Financial	166.90	177.50†	+ 0.70	0.39
-do- Accum	177.40	188.70†	+ 0.80	0.39
Gilt Trust	63.11	65.08†	+ 0.04	6.73
-do- Accum	95.59	98.57†	+ 0.07	6.73
Health Fund Inc	307.70	328.70†	+ 3.10	..
-do- Accum	307.70	328.70†	+ 3.10	...
Income & Growth	231.60	246.40	− 0.10	3.17
-do- Accum	362.10	385.20	− 0.10	3.17
Intl Growth	469.70	491.90†	+ 3.50	..
-do- Accum	511.60	545.70†	+ 3.80	..
Japan & Gen	196.20	208.50	+ 2.20	..
-do- Accum	198.10	210.60	+ 2.20	..
Monthly Inc #	194.00	206.40†	+ 0.70	4.51
Managed Port Inc	124.40	130.90†	+ 0.40	1.69
-do- Accum	135.10	142.20†	+ 0.40	1.69
Quarterly Income #	57.16	61.24†	+ 0.20	4.34
-do- Accum #	64.60	69.33†	+ 0.23	4.34
Recovery	385.80	412.60	...	0.06
-do- Accum	455.40	487.10	− 0.10	0.06
UK Growth	66.42	70.66	+ 0.30	2.07
-do- Accum	70.39	74.88	+ 0.31	2.07
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	61.65	65.58†	+ 0.43	0.12
FP Am Smlr Cos	217.30	232.40†	+ 1.80	.
FP Asian Growth	297.80	318.80	..	..
FP Australian	427.20	458.30	+ 0.10	..
FP Equity Dist	443.60	472.10†	+ 2.00	2.48
-do- Accum	977.60	£10.40	+ 4.00	2.48
FP Euro Gth	277.60	295.30†	+ 1.60	..
-do- Accum	303.60	322.90	+ 1.70	..
FP Intl Bond	60.76	64.29	+ 0.17	4.52
FP Intl Gth Dist	39.52	42.17†	+ 0.24	0.12
-do- Accum	57.88	61.58	+ 0.34	0.12
FP Pac Basin Acc	236.20	252.40	+ 0.80	
FP Income #	59.27	63.22	+ 0.16	4.97
-do- Accum #	200.20	213.60	+ 0.50	4.97
FP Jap Smlr Cos	337.70	360.20	+ 1.60	.
FP Monthly Dist #	75.02	80.05†	+ 0.19	5.63
FP Stg Deposit	100.60	100.60		5.35
FP Tokyo	91.53	97.63	+ 1.54	...
FP UK Focus	41.89	45.02†	+ 0.12	2.53
FP UK Growth	194.90	207.80	+ 0.90	2.28
-do- Accum	386.90	412.60	+ 2.10	2.28
Stewardship Dist	431.00	458.50†	+ 0.10	1.36
-do- Accum	540.80	575.30	...	1.36
Stwdship Inc Dist #	83.88	89.23†	+ 0.14	4.45
-do- Accum #	113.60	120.80	+ 0.20	4.45
N Am Stship Dist	130.50	138.80	+ 0.30	0.34
-do- Accum	139.90	148.80	+ 0.30	0.34
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	128.30	136.40†	+ 0.20	1.25
Open Cap Gth Acc	134.50	143.00†	+ 0.39	0.19
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	120.30	127.90	..	2.49
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	125.80	133.80		2.49
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	122.48	130.20	+ 0.30	3.37
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	128.80	137.00	+ 0.30	3.37
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	283.90	300.30†	+ 1.00	2.05
Cash	49.35	50.09†	+ 0.01	5.31
Growth Portfolio	92.26	97.82	+ 0.37	0.84
Income Portfolio	70.60	74.66†	+ 0.15	4.12
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 338 6441				
Special Sits	247.00	264.20	.	1.19
Dividend	96.96	103.70	. .	4.11
Int Gth & Inc	255.00	272.70	..	2.76
UK & Gen	50.07	53.55	.	2.02
Fund of Funds	78.82	84.09†		
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	295.40	316.00†	+ 5.10	0.11
European	705.30	752.40	+ 7.40	0.63
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	53.77	57.19†	+ 0.26	4.87
-do- Accum	59.66	63.47	+ 0.29	4.97
Far East & Gen	290.10	310.30	− 0.80	...
Germany Growth	139.70	148.00	+ 1.10	..
High Yield #	48.37	51.11†	+ 0.08	8.28
-do- Accum #	52.42	55.39	+ 0.08	8.28
Income Inc	194.50	208.10	+ 1.20	4.10
-do- Accum	218.60	233.80	+ 1.40	4.10
International	400.60	427.80	+ 2.00	0.29
Intl Income	98.19	101.80	+ 0.90	2.83
Japan & General	468.30	494.90†	+ 7.50	.
Korean Securities	70.85	75.78	− 0.54	.
Orient Acc	185.40	198.30	+ 0.10	0.17
UK General Inc	202.50	216.80	+ 0.90	0.87
UK General Acc	358.40	383.40	+ 1.80	0.87
UK Smlr Cos Inc	52.69	56.36	+ 0.21	1.72
-do- Accum	59.35	63.48	+ 0.24	1.72
UK Spec Sits	106.00	113.40	+ 0.30	1.14
US Growth	195.90	208.30	+ 1.80	.
Wwide Spec Sits	162.10	172.50	+ 1.70	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	59.31	63.38	+ 0.02	1.80
Cash Trust	144.08	144.06†	+ 0.02	5.42
Practical Inv Inc #	124.80	133.48	+ 0.28	3.60
-do- Accum #	294.32	314.78	+ 0.61	3.60
UK Index	176.25	177.14	+ 0.81	3.21
UK Smaller Cos	184.94	197.80	− 2.40	0.58
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.13	25.01†	+ 0.02	7.68
High Income	34.13	36.43†	+ 0.07	5.16
UK Equity Income	157.13	168.05	+ 0.75	2.93
Global Bond	30.30	31.41	+ 0.01	5.38
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	49.34	52.77†	− 0.03	..
Global Managed	158.61	169.63†	+ 0.98	1.22
Gold & Intl Res	134.83	144.20	+ 0.80	.
Global Utilities	150.23	160.31	+ 0.25	1.35
Overseas Funds				
American	206.33	219.32	+ 1.95	0.87
European	134.63	142.73	+ 0.45	0.71
Euro Sel Opps	204.58	217.17	+ 0.86	
Amer Emerging	184.04	196.83	+ 1.94	...
Hong Kong	163.01	174.38	+ 0.41	1.81
Japan	271.05	288.15	+ 2.23	.
Pacific Growth	244.98	262.01	+ 0.94	..
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	259.74	259.74†	+ 0.94	1.93
Long Term Bal	278.85	278.85†	+ 0.83	2.79
Med Term Bal	227.39	227.39†	+ 0.25	2.99
UK Equity	296.36	296.36†	+ 0.78	2.42
UK Emerging Cos	183.21	183.21	+ 0.08	1.81
American	324.32	324.32	− 0.82	1.09
Japan	145.83	145.83	+ 1.61	..
European	346.36	346.36	+ 1.40	0.82
Index Linked Gilt	178.61	178.61	+ 0.12	2.72
Fixed Interest	168.79	168.79†	− 0.40	6.51
Amer Emerging	421.02	421.02	+ 5.61	.
Pacific	266.97	266.97	− 1.03	0.69
Emerging Mkts	135.66	135.66	+ 0.42	0.21
Index Strat Japan	164.01	164.01	+ 1.54	0.09
-do- Pacific Bsn	217.84	217.84	− 0.78	1.18
-do- Cont Europe	188.40	188.40	+ 0.74	1.84
Index Strat USA	190.52	190.52	+ 1.08	1.72
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	122.12	129.81	+ 0.47	...
Med Term Bal	108.03	114.92	+ 1.20	.
Long Term Bal	123.60	131.49	− 1.16	.
UK Equity	136.97	145.71	+ 0.38	..
UK Emerging Cos	85.74	91.21	+ 0.01	.
American	149.90	159.47	− 0.39	.
Japan	69.60	74.03	+ 0.02	.
European	143.54	152.70	+ 0.62	..
Fixed Interest	86.30	91.81	− 0.21	.
Index Linked Gilt	79.36	84.42	+ 0.05	.
Deposit	86.01	91.49	+ 0.01	.
Broker Unit Trusts				
SWH Intl	166.31	175.06	+ 0.47	0.49
Brcllf Gth Port Inc	75.48	79.84	+ 0.11	0.80
-do- Inc Port Inc	63.26	66.79†	+ 0.03	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	64.15	67.70	+ 0.24	0.10
Stow Utilities	58.36	61.59†	+ 1.22	3.15
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stg & Intl Inc	624.13	663.97		1.46
-do- Accum	704.83	749.82	..	1.46
European Inc	178.70	189.64	...	0.87
Anglgero Inc	164.44	174.13	..	0.34
N America Inc	432.59	460.19	..	0.49
Far East Inc	408.48	434.58	.	0.09
-do- Accum	423.36	450.38	..	0.09
UK Dvid Inc	212.92	226.51	+ 1.80	2.35
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	102.84	109.98	− 0.37	4.36
UK Small Cos	67.09	71.75	− 1.29	0.58
British Growth	68.05	72.77†	− 0.01	2.73
American Gwth	315.39	337.31	+ 1.35	.
Japan Gwth	74.87	80.06	+ 0.97	.
Greater China	201.54	215.54	+ 0.63	0.19
Pacific Strategy	172.95	184.97	− 0.30	.
European Gwth	113.67	121.56	+ 0.45	0.48
Intl Growth	176.80	191.00	+ 0.65	.
US Index (£)	17.9695	18.9341	+0.0749	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	95.35	101.97	.	2.17
Monthly Income	41.47	44.23†	− 0.08	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvd UK Index (£)	13.8336	14.6107†	+0.1237	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	113.58	120.83	.	1.51
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	585.00	624.90	+ 3.10	0.43
Gilt & Fixed	126.90	134.50	− 0.10	5.97
Growth Equity	428.40	458.70	+ 2.40	1.10
Income Trust	151.40	161.70		4.41
International	220.90	235.90	+ 1.20	0.04
Japan Trust	139.90	149.40	+ 2.10	.
Nth American	373.00	398.50†	+ 3.40	
Pacific	637.70	681.20†	+ 0.10	
Guardhill	645.70	690.90	+ 3.50	1.15
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	108.95	113.06	+ 0.07	5.22
Global High Inc	102.81	106.72†	+ 0.07	8.03
Corporate Bond	103.01	109.93	+ 0.30	7.42
Eqty & Bond Inc	109.94	116.90†	+ 0.09	4.78
European Growth	126.64	134.65	+ 0.53	
Intl PEP Trust	71.49	76.02	+ 0.47	
Equity Inc	134.83	143.36†	+ 0.16	3.97
-do- Accum	195.92	208.31	+ 0.24	3.97
Recovery	391.90	416.70	− 2.50	2.00
-do- Accum	463.30	492.60	+ 2.90	2.00
St Vinc High Inc	131.80	133.77	− 0.14	7.30
UK Emerg Cos	318.98	337.00†	+ 1.60	2.17
UK Smlr Cos	433.50	441.10	+ 1.70	2.28
Glob Priv Tst	117.17	124.58†	+ 1.09	1.46
-do- Accum	119.54	127.10	+ 1.10	1.46
Inc Share Tst	88.48	94.08	+ 0.17	9.30
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Growth	32.79	34.77	+ 0.12	1.75
Growth Acc	33.51	35.53	+ 0.13	1.75
Income	31.57	33.47	+ 0.12	4.07
Income Acc	32.93	34.91	+ 0.13	4.07
Accumulation Tst	24.70	26.75	+ 0.11	2.17
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	97.60	101.80†		6.55
Model Ptolio	229.60	252.00	− 1.20	2.33
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 484848				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	383.84	410.70	− 1.66	0.88
Best of British	73.11	77.71†	+ 0.13	2.38
UK Smaller Cos	157.25	163.04	+ 0.28	1.18
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	311.10	331.30	+ 0.18	3.24
-do- Accum #	861.76	917.74	+ 0.50	3.24
High Income	341.53	365.51†	+ 0.78	4.58
Extra Income #	295.45	314.22	+ 0.17	5.66
Pref & Bond	48.40	50.02†	− 0.04	8.30
International				
International	336.53	357.47†	+ 2.10	
Global Bond	56.94	59.93	+ 0.07	5.64
Ind Port Tst	101.72	108.79	+ 0.33	0.31
Global Tech	277.55	295.30†	+ 5.00	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	204.45	218.54	− 0.61	0.16
European	614.28	650.45†	+ 4.16	1.56
European Income #	94.55	102.13	+ 0.42	3.26
Euro Smlr Cos	183.86	195.70†	+ 0.97	2.17
European Value	91.46	97.40†	+ 0.56	1.30
-do- Accum	98.47	104.78	+ 0.60	1.30
Japan Trust	252.62	268.67	+ 3.56	..
Japan Smlr Cos	263.51	280.57†	+ 2.90	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	288.43	307.05†	− 0.80	.
North American	320.53	340.05	+ 2.48	..
American Smaller	193.42	206.56†	+ 2.09	.
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	161.40	169.30	+ 0.50	4.67
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	117.84	123.40†	+ 0.57	1.09
Capital	206.31	218.12	+ 1.05	1.29
Dollar	515.19	539.48†	+ 0.01	..
Enterprise Gth	437.70	458.32	+ 0.41	1.13
European	283.86	297.24	+ 1.42	0.40
Far East	352.25	368.84	− 1.11	...
Financial	£10.11	£10.59	+ 0.20	1.91
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.80	26.83†	+ 0.03	7.80
High Yield	110.13	115.32	+ 0.29	3.90
Income & Growth	157.90	164.93†	+ 0.45	3.41
International	311.88	326.58	+ 2.08	
Japanese General	240.88	252.00	+ 4.17	.
Japan Tech	102.78	107.62	+ 0.34	.
Nat Resources	99.88	104.58†	+ 0.18	...
Portfolio	88.15	92.31†	+ 0.40	1.27
Special Sits	211.23	221.18	+ 2.30	0.19
Uk Emerging Cos	129.25	135.35	+ 0.53	0.63
US Smaller Cos	165.00	172.78	+ 1.55	..
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	630.20	672.60	.	5.07
Capital	710.20	758.00†	.	2.38
High Income #	113.50	121.10†	.	5.81
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	620.16	656.80†		0.53
European Gwth	144.60	154.00		
Japan Gwth	308.90	328.40	.	
Japan Smlr Cos	37.84	40.38	...	
Asian	68.93	73.56	.	0.09
Sing & Malay Gwth	94.26	100.60†	...	
Hong Kong Gwth	132.00	140.90		1.27
Global Bond	22.93	24.21		5.31
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	164.80	165.60	..	3.41
Trade Index	132.80	135.90	.	2.07
THE FOOTSIE FUND	62.89	63.21	.	3.05
Index Funds-International				
American Index	279.90	281.30	..	1.08
Eurotrack 100	196.20	197.20	..	1.33
Japan Index	86.94	87.38	.	0.06
Tiger Index	230.80	231.80	..	0.39
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	50.51	52.51†	+ 0.26	0.62
General Funds				
Managed Dist	90.15	93.71†	+ 0.51	1.21
Managed	92.62	96.28†	+ 0.53	1.21
Superl Child Fnd	98.41	102.30†	+ 0.20	2.12
UK Growth	69.84	72.60†	+ 0.20	1.92
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	88.01	91.49†	+ 0.07	6.55
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.60	27.45†	+ 0.04	6.22
Uk Inc & Gwth	46.87	48.72†	+ 0.18	3.03
UK Income #	368.70	383.30†	+ 0.80	4.66
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	63.65	66.13†	+ 0.37	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	184.60	191.60	+ 3.10	.
-do- Accum	186.60	194.00	+ 3.10	
Europe Gth	232.70	241.40	+ 2.10	.
-do- Accum	241.00	250.00	+ 2.00	
Euro Smaller Cos	44.56	46.32	− 0.59	..
French Growth	98.03	101.90†	+ 0.30	0.33
-do- Accum	106.00	110.20†	+ 0.30	0.33
H Kong & China	94.60	98.34†	+ 0.52	1.29
Intl Growth	69.50	72.25	+ 0.35	0.14
-do- Accum	70.47	73.25	+ 0.34	0.14
Japan Gth	36.27	37.70	+ 0.59	..
-do- Accum	36.27	37.70	+ 0.59	.
Japan Smaller Cos	43.60	45.32	+ 0.15	..
Glob Emg Mkts	106.00	110.20	− 0.60	..
-do- Accum	106.70	110.90	− 0.70	.
SE Asia	371.50	386.29†	− 1.80	0.02
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	56.18	58.83†	..	5.96
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc #	99.78	105.40†	+ 0.40	3.90
Sector Value Gwth	101.00	106.70†	+ 0.50	2.17
Hy 5 Europe	101.20	106.20	+ 0.30	2.63
Slater Gwth	141.50	150.70	+ 1.09	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	251.00	267.00	+ 3.10	
Income #	212.31	225.86	+ 0.80	3.79
UK Growth	84.66	90.28	+ 0.07	1.90
Intl Growth	92.39	98.28	+ 0.10	0.43
Ecology	106.73	113.54†	+ 0.32	0.95
European	188.45	200.47	+ 0.79	.
Far Eastern	334.40	355.70	..	..

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Income Trusts				
Bond Income	99.13	102.60	+ 0.30	7.59
Gilt Yield	117.10	123.60	− 0.10	6.88
Global Income	238.80	254.00†	+ 3.50	3.49
High Yield	152.60	162.30†	+ 0.30	5.52
-do- Accum	490.90	522.20†	+ 1.00	5.52
Smlr Cos Div	63.89	67.97†	+ 0.43	3.16
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	162.00	172.30	+ 2.10	...
Asian Growth	369.80	393.40	− 2.20	0.21
-do- Accum	434.80	462.30	− 2.60	0.21
North American	111.20	118.30	+ 1.39	0.22
European Special	128.90	137.10	+ 1.00	0.09
European	180.90	192.40	+ 1.00	0.42
-do- Accum	238.50	253.70	+ 1.30	0.42
Global Eqty Inc	122.90	130.50	+ 0.70	1.57
Japan	456.30	485.40	+ 4.40	.
Japanese Special	260.10	276.70	+ 0.40	..
Smaller Cos	148.10	157.60†	+ 2.40	1.83
UK Equity Growth	51.82	55.13	+ 0.40	1.86
UK Index Inc	327.20	328.80†	+ 1.10	3.40
Bincham Tst	109.90	116.20	− 0.90	1.86
-do- Accum	110.49	118.70	− 0.90	1.86
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	295.08	313.92†	+ 0.54	4.93
Inc & Growth Inc	65.30	69.47	+ 0.31	3.93
Smaller Cos	88.82	94.49†	− 0.72	1.13
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	299.80	318.90	+ 3.00	1.68
High Income	114.90	122.20	+ 0.70	4.25
International	123.30	131.10	+ 0.70	0.46
European Trust	88.07	93.69	+ 0.23	0.81
Japanese Trust	46.78	49.76	+ 0.65	
American Trust	123.40	131.20†	+ 1.10	.
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	453.60	481.30		2.32
UK Inc/Gth	469.10	497.70	+ 6.90	3.81
UK Income	330.30	350.50†	− 0.10	5.19
UK Sm Cos	308.80	330.30	+ 1.00	1.53
Euro Gwth	164.10	174.00	+ 0.40	0.46
N Amer Gwth	127.30	135.10	+ 1.13	.
Japan Growth	73.37	77.85	+ 0.98	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	569.10	605.40	+ 1.60	2.63
-do- Accum	£11.58	£12.33	+ 4.00	2.63
Equity Income #	106.00	112.70		4.61
Uk Tactical Allocn	84.47	88.46	+ 0.24	3.93
European	145.00	154.30	+ 0.80	1.08
Far Eastern	250.50	268.50	− 0.80	.
Fixed Interest	53.28	56.68	+ 0.07	7.27
Gilt	88.30	93.64†	− 0.11	6.48
Global Growth	88.85	94.52	− 0.34	0.41
Intl Bond	55.27	58.61	+ 0.10	5.09
Japanese	80.34	85.47	+ 0.68	.
North American	217.30	231.20	− 1.00	0.65
Pacific Growth	128.80	137.00†	− 0.70	0.16
UK Index	75.00	78.75†	+ 0.27	3.03
UK Recovery	115.10	122.40†	− 0.20	2.00
UK Smaller Cos	164.80	175.30	+ 0.70	1.09
US Index	84.31	88.98	+ 0.55	1.29
European Index	92.80	97.10	+ 0.45	1.74
Japan Index	45.06	47.56	+ 0.45	.
Worldwide	100.49	106.80†	+ 0.30	1.39
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	56.32	59.16	+ 0.07	2.08
Income	63.94	68.38	+ 0.32	2.95
Far East	61.87	65.17†	+ 0.26	
North American	142.80	152.30†	+ 0.80	
Global	120.30	128.60	+ 0.70	0.17
European	98.31	104.90	+ 0.20	0.62
Japan	117.60	125.70	+ 1.50	.
Intl Currency Bd	61.36	65.05†	+ 0.05	4.30
SE Asia	117.70	125.80†	− 0.50	
UK Cap Growth	101.70	108.70†	+ 0.40	1.62
Recovery Trust	89.47	95.18†	+ 0.23	1.17
Managed	79.67	84.75	+ 0.39	0.58
Cash	50.59	50.59	+ 0.01	4.67
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	393.20	418.40†	+ 1.90	2.41
-do- Accum	929.90	989.30	+ 4.50	2.41
Cont Euro Gth	82.30	86.64	+ 0.41	1.04
-do- Accum	88.57	93.24	+ 0.45	1.04
Extra Inc	285.00	303.20	+ 4.30	4.07
-do- Accum	766.40	815.40	+11.70	4.07
FTSE 100 Inc	117.70	125.30	+ 0.70	2.06
FTSE 100 Acc	119.90	127.60	+ 0.70	2.06
German Gth	135.30	142.50	+ 1.00	..
-do- Accum	141.90	149.40	+ 1.00	
Growth Port	673.10	716.10	+12.90	.
-do- Accum	693.10	737.40	+13.30	
High Interest Inc	96.22	99.72	+ 0.44	7.90
High Interest Acc	98.81	102.40	+ 0.50	7.90
Hi Reserve Inc #	106.10	112.90	+ 0.20	6.44
Hi Reserve Acc #	112.20	119.40	+ 0.20	6.44
Income	539.10	573.60†	+ 8.60	3.39
-do- Accum	£15.19	£16.16	+23.00	3.39
Income Port	548.40	583.50†	+ 1.50	4.50
-do- Accum	608.70	647.60	+ 1.60	4.50
Japan Growth	118.70	126.30	+ 1.30	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	119.10	126.80	+ 1.30	.
Master Trust	69.15	73.57	+ 0.28	1.21
-do- Accum	78.56	83.58	+ 0.32	1.21
N American Gen	250.80	266.90	+ 3.10	
-do- Accum	289.90	308.50	+ 3.60	
N Am Sm Co Rec	223.60	237.90	+ 3.80	..
-do- Accum	228.20	242.80	+ 3.90	.
Pacific Basin	294.10	312.90	− 0.40	.
-do- Accum	313.20	333.20	− 0.60	..
Small Cos Rec	519.30	546.70†	+ 1.40	1.50
-do- Accum	711.80	749.30	+ 2.00	1.50
UK Eq Gth	160.40	170.70	− 1.90	2.75
UK Eq Inc	125.50	133.60	+ 0.60	4.14
Uk Growth	102.10	108.70	+ 0.50	2.01
-do- Accum	126.70	134.80	+ 0.50	2.01
Worldwide Gth	376.00	400.00	+ 2.10	...
-do- Accum	555.60	591.10	+ 3.10	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	90.30	96.63	+ 0.67	0.30
General	104.80	112.44	+ 0.39	2.30
Income	71.64	77.08	+ 0.28	5.30
International	78.48	84.20	+ 0.61	0.40
Japan	65.99	70.80	+ 1.00	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	78.15	83.83†	+ 0.36	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Enq/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	540.90	571.50	+ 5.40	0.34
-do- Accum	675.90	714.20	+ 6.80	0.34
Amer Recovery	604.00	638.70†	+ 5.80	0.39
-do- Accum	696.70	736.70†	+ 6.70	0.39
Amer Smlr Cos	179.90	190.20	+ 2.30	..
-do- Accum	183.80	194.30	+ 2.30	..
Australasian	209.80	221.90	+ 0.30	1.98
-do- Accum	261.40	276.50	+ 0.40	1.98
Capital	1002.10	1059.70	+ 1.40	2.71
-do- Accum	1180.80	1248.60	+ 1.50	2.71
Charifund	742.80	750.30†	+ 2.90	5.86
-do- Accum	3747.80	3785.30†	+14.80	5.86
Commodity	540.40	571.50	+ 2.10	0.23
-do- Accum	796.50	842.80	+ 3.30	0.23
Compound Grth	1095.70	1159.80†	+ 4.80	2.89
-do- Accum	1196.40	1265.30†	+ 5.30	2.89
Corporate Bond	24.73	24.82	...	7.80
Dividend	44.90	47.50†	...	4.42
-do- Accum	198.80	210.80†	+ 0.30	4.42
Equity Income	362.40	383.20	+ 0.10	4.82
-do- Accum	492.80	519.10	+ 0.20	4.82
Euro & General	647.70	684.90	+ 3.60	0.91
-do- Accum	826.10	873.50	+ 4.60	0.91
Euro Dividend	82.70	87.50	+ 0.20	3.50
-do- Accum	102.80	108.80	+ 0.40	3.50
Extra Yield	459.10	485.50	+ 1.80	4.94
-do- Accum	1511.90	1599.00	+ 6.00	4.94
Far Eastern	405.20	428.50	+ 0.10	1.75
-do- Accum	540.50	571.60	+ 0.30	1.75
Fund of Inv Tsts	722.20	763.70	+ 2.20	1.78
-do- Accum	1372.10	1451.00	+ 4.20	1.78
General	69.20	73.20	+ 0.30	3.68
-do- Accum	201.10	212.80	+ 0.90	3.68
Gilt Income	59.37	59.46†	− 0.14	7.40
-do- Accum	177.27	177.54†	− 0.41	7.40
Gold	95.30	100.80	+ 0.40	0.81
-do- Accum	113.20	119.70	+ 0.50	0.81
High Income	33.00	34.90	+ 0.10	4.64
-do- Accum	137.80	145.90	+ 0.40	4.64
Intl Growth	95.40	100.90	+ 0.40	0.93
-do- Accum	167.90	177.70	+ 0.90	0.93
International Inc	111.80	118.00†	− 0.40	4.46
-do- Accum	174.80	184.80†	+ 0.70	4.46
Japan & Gen	45.20	47.70†	+ 0.40	
-do- Accum	48.50	51.20†	+ 0.50	
Japan Smlr Cos	162.10	171.40†	+ 0.40	.
-do- Accum	163.30	172.60†	− 0.40	
Managed Gwth	28.20	29.70	+ 0.10	1.64
Managed Income	30.20	31.70†	+ 0.10	4.09
Midland	65.50	69.30†		3.21
-do- Accum	227.20	240.40†		3.21
Pension Ex	1063.60	1090.20†	+ 4.10	4.16
Recovery	51.10	54.00	+ 0.10	2.51
-do- Accum	85.90	90.90	+ 0.30	2.51
Second General	77.80	82.30	+ 0.10	3.67
-do- Accum	208.20	220.40	+ 0.30	3.67
Smaller Cos	76.60	81.00		2.96
-do- Accum	156.90	166.00	+ 0.10	2.96
Treasury	25.14	25.18†	..	5.70
Trustee	44.00	46.50†	+ 0.10	4.70
-do- Accum	187.10	197.90†	+ 0.40	4.70
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	100.26	106.65	+ 0.19	1.54
Intl Bond	85.31	88.81†	+ 0.19	5.28
Intl Equity Growth	89.46	95.07†	+ 0.49	0.64
N Amer Growth	138.93	147.58	− 1.13	0.68
Special Sits Growth	26.89	28.60	+ 0.14	1.89
Uk Growth	447.17	475.71†	+ 2.68	2.54
-do- Accum	606.76	645.48	+ 3.63	2.54
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1485.80	1509.10†	..	2.90
Income #	1033.80	1049.70	.	4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	168.40	172.80	− 0.20	3.50
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptolio	178.30	183.80	+ 0.60	2.35
-do- Accum	209.20	215.70	+ 0.70	2.35
UK Sel Ptolio	155.90	160.70	+ 0.60	2.41
-do- Accum	185.30	191.00	+ 0.70	2.41
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	72.84	77.49		3.89
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	83.07	88.18	.	3.81
European	104.50	110.90	..	0.74
Income #	82.57	87.65†		4.42
Nth American	94.95	100.80	.	0.31
Far East	193.70	205.60	.	0.03
Japan	67.37	71.52	..	.
Emging Mkts	94.27	100.80	..	.
Intl Growth	134.40	142.70†	..	0.74
UK Growth	121.10	128.60	..	2.38
UK Smlr Co	62.36	66.20†	.	1.40
Asian Opps Fd	42.33	45.27	.	0.26
Glob Gwth PEP	63.12	67.80	..	1.01
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	108.10	115.00	+ 0.40	.
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	459.70	489.04	+ 0.92	4.52
Global Inc	74.93	79.71	+ 0.16	3.82
Brit Leaders	392.64	417.70	+ 0.66	3.44
Intl Leaders	237.68	252.77	+ 1.15	1.47
PAM Mg Bal Grth	75.81	78.76	+ 0.26	0.60
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	270.30	285.20	+3.000	..
-do- Accum	289.00	305.00	+3.300	.
American Opps	136.90	146.00	+1.400	.
-do- Accum	138.70	147.90	+1.400	..
British Blue Chip	94.40	100.20†	+0.560	2.40
-do- Accum	120.20	127.50†	+0.700	2.40
Cash	100.40	100.40	.	5.75
-do- Accum *	145.90	145.90	+0.100	5.75
Emerging Mkts	132.40	142.40		0.10
-do- Accum	133.30	143.30	+0.100	0.10
European Growth	318.90	338.40	+1.600	0.13
-do- Accum	348.00	367.10	+1.800	0.13
European Income	94.23	99.73	+0.380	2.88
-do- Accum	132.20	139.90	+0.400	2.88
General	606.90	645.70	+4.800	1.92
-do- Accum	1234.00	1312.00	+9.000	1.92
Global Bond	133.90	140.70	+0.200	6.08
-do- Accum	172.50	181.20	+0.100	6.08
Gold & General	274.00	293.80	+2.300	0.31
-do- Accum	282.90	303.30	+2.300	0.31
Govt Securities	92.95	95.65	− 0.02	6.39
-do- Accum	190.00	195.90	− 0.10	6.39
High Yield Bd	98.91	101.40	.	7.43
-do- Accum	102.00	104.70		7.43
Income	182.00	193.40†	+0.800	4.09
-do- Accum	299.70	318.40†	+1.200	4.08
Inc Portfolio #	111.30	118.00	+0.700	4.68
-do- Accum #	119.10	126.30	+0.700	4.68
Intl Opps	599.20	639.10	+3.800	0.14
-do- Accum	806.30	860.00	+5.000	0.14
Japan	190.80	203.20	+2.200	
-do- Accum	195.90	208.70	+2.300	
New Europe	233.80	249.40	+0.400	0.81
-do- Accum	243.30	259.50	+0.400	0.81
Pacific	130.00	138.70	− 0.50	0.74
-do- Accum	139.50	148.80	− 0.60	0.74
Recovery	429.00	457.60†	+4.600	0.57
-do- Accum	583.20	600.70†	+6.100	0.57
UK Smaller Cos	69.04	73.64	+0.110	0.70
-do- Accum	78.94	84.20	+0.130	0.70
Portfolio	94.23	100.00	+0.500	2.31
-do- Accum	115.10	122.10	+0.700	2.31
Managed Gth	122.60	128.30	+0.680	1.08
Managed Inc	118.80	123.20	+0.400	2.93
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	151.73	161.41†	+ 1.16	0.15
Portfolio	79.19	84.24	+ 0.35	1.42
UK Income Inc	89.88	95.62	+ 0.40	4.55
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	67.90	71.10†	...	2.72
-do- Accum	74.35	77.85†	...	2.72
British Tst	100.40	105.10	.	2.17
-do- Accum	120.10	125.70		2.17
Corp Bond Inc	97.56	101.10†		7.01
-do- Accum	98.43	102.00†		7.01
Extra High Inc	70.39	73.71†	.	7.82
-do- Accum	146.30	153.10†	...	7.82
FT-SE 100 Acc	65.44	68.52	.	2.84
FT-SE 100 Dist	62.69	65.64	.	2.84
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.35	57.60		6.88
-do- Accum	171.40	178.30	...	6.88
High Yield	231.70	242.60†		6.17
-do- Accum	628.50	658.10†		6.17
Income	317.00	331.90		4.62
-do- Accum	725.50	759.60		4.62
Money Market UT	49.27	49.27†	.	4.87
-do- Accum	81.66	81.66†		4.87
Monthly Income	92.09	96.43†		4.83
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	125.70	133.70	..	1.47
European Growth	131.50	139.30		0.01
Gilt & Fixed	95.27	101.10		5.49
Income	99.08	105.40	.	2.42
Japan Growth	57.79	61.39		
Managed	81.38	86.57	.	2.03
Money Market	93.05	98.63		4.07
North American	110.30	116.90	...	0.38
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	114.00	121.30		1.46
European Growth	123.50	130.90		0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	90.12	95.60	...	5.50
Income	97.10	103.30		2.49
Japan Growth	57.46	60.93		
Managed	77.77	82.73	..	2.01
Money Market	85.88	91.04		4.04
North American	99.73	105.70		0.46
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	113.60	120.80	.	1.45
European Growth	120.80	128.10		.
Gilt & Fixed Int	82.39	87.40		5.65
Income	95.03	101.10		2.53
Japan Growth	58.81	62.34	..	
Managed	80.56	85.70		2.02
Money Market	79.28	84.02		4.14
North American	111.60	118.30		0.35
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.61	16.54	...	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	486.90	517.10	+ 4.40	.
European Gth Inc	664.70	709.40	+ 4.20	
-do- Accum	671.90	717.10	+ 4.20	
Intl Gwth	241.30	256.40†	− 2.30	..
UK Equity Inc	218.10	231.80†	+ 0.70	3.47
Do. Accum	292.60	311.10†	+ 0.90	3.47
Uk Ind Trckr Inc	189.80	202.40	+ 0.70	2.47
-do- Accum	231.20	246.60	+ 0.80	2.47
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	280.10	296.60	+ 1.80	0.81
Japan Tracker	83.22	87.78†	+ 1.38	.
Asian Tracker	243.10	262.00†	− 0.50	0.16
Managed Inc	191.90	204.60	− 0.60	2.11
Deposit Inc	99.86	99.86	− 0.01	5.35
Europa	313.60	336.60	− 0.50	
Genesis	217.60	234.60†	− 0.60	1.39
High Income	21.14	22.40†	− 0.02	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 690 033				
Acumen	108.80	111.20†	− 0.10	2.09
Acumen Inc	99.68	101.90†	− 0.10	2.09
Acumen Reserve	91.39	92.30†	+ 0.29	7.66
-do- Inc	72.63	73.35†	− 0.23	7.66
American Growth	70.01	71.94	+ 0.62	.
Equity Income #	102.80	105.60	− 0.20	4.71
European	84.21	85.71	+ 0.31	0.58
Smaller Cos	93.39	97.98†	− 0.23	0.99
Wwide Eqty	79.29	81.12	− 0.20	
Global Bond	45.76	46.29†	− 0.07	6.06
UK Growth	111.10	114.10†	− 0.20	1.71
Pacific Growth	127.60	132.10	− 0.90	0.75
Japan Growth	112.80	114.70	+ 1.70	.
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Amer Equity	145.80	155.11	− 0.48	2.32
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 832 8262				
UK Growth	89.62	95.34	+ 0.40	2.14
UK Income	122.82	130.66	+ 0.57	3.83
Higher Income	240.70	256.06	+ 0.67	4.86
Smaller Cos	106.20	112.98	− 2.77	1.57
International	114.40	121.70†	+ 9.67	1.44
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	138.20	147.00	− 0.80	0.10
European Dist	148.40	157.90†	+ 1.50	0.10
Far East Dist	218.20	232.10	− 1.50	0.41
Global Care Dist	90.38	96.15	+ 0.15	0.34
Oseas Dist	1246.50	1326.10		0.09
-do- Accum	1617.90	1721.20		0.09
UK Dist	413.20	439.60†	+ 1.60	2.32
-do- Accum	838.80	892.30	+ 3.10	2.32
UK Extra Inc Dist	93.37	99.33	− 0.25	3.10
Wwide Dist	130.60	138.90†	− 1.30	
Wwide Inc Dist	88.81	94.48†	.	1.61
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	77.83	82.14	− 0.23	0.89
Fund of Funds Inc	71.14	75.08	− 0.16	1.86
North America Inc	71.23	75.18†	− 0.53	
UK Equity Gth Inc	68.13	71.90†	+ 0.17	2.67
-do- Accum	73.33	77.39	+ 0.18	2.67
UK General Inc	67.42	71.16†	+ 0.13	2.75
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	47.79	50.33†	− 0.03	6.99
UK Income Inc	65.17	68.78†	− 0.09	4.14
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	55.98	59.55	+ 0.53	
-do- Accum	56.41	60.01	− 0.54	
Bond	127.94	135.74	− 0.28	6.12
Cash Income	51.15	51.15		5.47
-do- Accum	67.99	67.99	− 0.01	5.47
Distributor	104.08	110.72	− 0.22	2.88
European	55.37	58.90	+ 0.45	.
Foundation	108.97	115.93†	− 0.27	2.51
General	224.93	238.33	− 1.30	1.53
Global	396.92	422.27	− 3.36	
Growth Inc	144.26	153.47†	− 0.33	2.41
Growth Acc	146.22	155.55†	− 0.33	2.41
Higher Income Inc	31.03	33.01	+ 0.10	4.76
-do- Accum	37.10	39.47	+ 0.12	4.76
Income	262.17	278.90†	+ 1.09	3.38
Intnatnl	146.11	152.20	.	1.81
Japan	29.67	31.56	− 0.38	.
Oriental Inc	168.69	179.46	− 0.34	0.50
-do- Accum	174.06	185.17	− 0.35	0.50
Pac Inc Gwth	37.56	40.37†	+ 0.32	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	47.62	50.46		6.93
Managed	114.30	120.90		2.16
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	144.86	152.48	− 0.64	0.98
UK Equity	164.94	173.62	− 0.74	2.84
UK Equity Income	150.32	158.23	+ 0.39	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	144.46	152.02	− 0.57	1.31
UK Equity Growth	155.37	163.56	+ 0.61	2.02
UK Index Trckg	166.91	175.70	+ 0.56	3.35
Intl Index Trckg	180.16	189.64	+ 1.48	0.90
International	289.99	305.25†	+ 1.69	0.49
European	252.85	266.16	− 1.05	0.33
Pan European	166.99	175.78	− 2.25	1.25
Nth American	243.15	255.95†	− 1.36	0.17
N Amer Smlr Cos	257.45	271.00	+ 2.01	
Japanese	105.03	110.56	+ 1.74	.
Pacific	267.75	281.84	+ 0.38	0.38
South East Asian	301.82	317.81†	− 0.56	0.58
Intl Bond	140.31	147.69	+ 0.11	3.98
Gilt & Convertible	107.64	113.30	− 0.05	5.73
Property	83.44	87.83	+ 0.08	5.77
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	356.60	381.50†	+ 5.50	
-do- Accum	377.90	405.50†	+ 6.00	.
Japan Inc	124.00	132.40	− 2.30	.
Nth American Inc	136.40	145.10	− 1.10	0.44
Worldwide Inc	185.10	198.50	+ 2.00	0.25
Hong Kong Inc	170.70	182.60	+ 0.80	1.15
Swiss Equities Inc	89.85	95.96†	+ 0.17	
Wwide Bond Inc	67.19	71.09	− 0.03	5.33
Emging Asia Inc	232.10	253.70	− 1.60	
-do- Accum	233.00	254.60	− 1.60	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.09	50.09†	− 0.01	5.65
Thailand Inc	184.70	201.90	− 1.80	1.16
New Zealand Inc	100.10	107.60	− 0.10	2.76
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	73.69	79.10	+ 1.08	1.34
Latin Am Cmp Inc	68.23	73.40	+ 0.07	
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	68.68	69.76	+ 0.22	2.78
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	93.78	100.30	+ 0.20	..
Global Portfolio	84.29	90.15	+ 0.16	
Global Opps	74.23	79.39†	− 0.23	
Marsh Global Grth	72.96	77.37†	+ 1.72	.
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	109.10	117.20†	− 0.10	
Temple Equity Inc	48.55	52.54	+ 0.16	3.04
Hartley Growth	108.90	115.90	+ 0.20	0.25
Intl Growth Inc	93.59	100.19	− 0.20	1.27
IPS Portfolio Inc	97.99	104.80	+ 0.40	..
Premier Perfrm Inc	73.12	78.20	+ 0.14	1.47
Roxburgh Strat Gth	83.09	88.67	+ 0.10	0.32
International Strat	90.19	96.48	+ 0.15	.
URC Ind-Act Grth	65.45	70.00	+ 0.45	
Chartfield Port of Fds	58.66	63.59	+ 0.14	
Chartfield Sec	133.00	145.30	+ 0.30	.
Lowes Intl Growth	58.13	62.24	+ 0.56	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	254.30	270.50		1.46
European Gth	131.30	139.30†		0.64
Income & Gth #	162.70	172.60		2.84
Japan Gth	125.20	133.20†		
Nth Amer Gth	223.80	238.10†		.
Overseas Gth	128.80	137.00†	..	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	277.70	295.40	+ 1.10	2.37
-do- Accum	600.00	638.30	+ 2.20	2.37
Growth	180.90	190.40†	+ 0.60	2.65
Income	269.10	286.20†	+ 0.90	3.47
Intl Equity	301.20	320.40	+ 1.30	0.62
-do- Accum	336.30	358.70	+ 1.40	0.62
UK Income	74.47	79.22	+ 0.20	3.01
Uk Intl 25	93.61	99.58	+ 0.32	1.91
New Europe	101.20	107.80	+ 0.56	0.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	724.23	774.58	+ 4.50	0.33
-do- Accum	727.07	777.62	+ 4.53	0.33
Income	423.89	453.36†	+ 0.98	3.20
Wwide Recovery	485.26	519.80	+ 2.50	0.42
Amer Growth Inc	326.48	347.85	+ 2.26	0.01
-do- Accum	326.48	347.85	+ 2.26	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	312.09	333.70	+ 0.85	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	334.94	358.23	+ 1.46	0.62
-do- Accum	336.16	358.53	+ 1.46	0.62
Euro Gwth Inc	181.87	194.00	+ 1.28	0.32
-do- Accum	182.50	194.67	+ 1.28	0.32
UK Growth Inc	112.49	120.32	+ 0.18	2.67
-do- Accum	120.82	129.22	+ 0.17	2.67
High Income	112.00	119.78	+ 0.27	3.87
Jap Gwth Inc	233.98	249.71	+ 1.60	0.01
-do- Accum	233.98	249.71	+ 1.60	0.01
PEP Growth	149.56	159.96	+ 0.79	0.69
Asian Str Mkts Inc	147.63	157.90	+ 0.03	0.03
-do- Accum	147.89	158.28	+ 0.04	0.03
Amer Smlr Co Inc	215.43	230.41	+ 0.74	0.01
-do- Accum	215.43	230.41	+ 0.74	0.01
Global Bond	57.62	60.67	+ 0.06	5.24
UK Smaller Cos Inc	111.90	119.68	+ 0.17	1.31
-do- Accum	117.74	125.93	+ 0.19	1.31
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 281 3827				
American	144.79	153.94†	+ 1.81	
European	94.35	100.37	+ 0.52	..
Global	75.30	80.11	+ 0.38	..
Pacific	68.42	72.79†	− 0.11	
UK Inc & Gth	80.39	85.52	+ 0.13	1.99
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	200.41	212.07	+ 0.90	0.56
Emerg Mkts	49.81	52.71	− 1.24	0.99
High Income #	54.20	57.35†	.	5.67
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	171.74	182.71	+ 0.72	1.83
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	124.90	132.90	+ 0.80	2.92
Conv & Gilt	124.08	131.90	+ 0.40	5.30
European Income	87.54	93.13†	+ 0.75	3.39
Extra Income	182.50	194.20	+ 0.90	4.82
-do- Accum	233.10	248.00	+ 1.20	4.82
Far East	472.70	502.90	+ 1.10	0.13
-do- Accum	482.60	513.40	+ 1.00	0.13
Global Income	29.45	31.33	+ 0.18	5.00
High Income	137.00	145.70†	+ 0.70	4.31
-do- Accum	172.80	183.80	+ 0.90	4.31
International	230.80	245.50†	.	0.54
-do- Accum	239.10	254.30		0.54
Pref & Fxd Int	43.16	45.92†		7.27
Recovery	88.84	94.51	+ 0.28	2.89

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	150.10	159.70	+ 1.80	1.39
-do- Accum	165.20	175.80	+ 2.00	1.39
Technology	625.80	678.50	+13.40	.
UK Blue Chip	85.69	91.16	+ 0.55	2.99
-do- Accum	98.47	104.80	+ 0.70	2.99
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	46.37	48.05	− 0.26	1.71
Cash Haven Inc	100.88	101.38†	+ 0.01	5.07
Cash Haven Acc	117.14	117.72†	+ 0.02	5.07
Dist Trust Inc	105.57	109.40†	+ 0.23	6.34
Dist Trust Acc	116.87	121.11†	+ 0.25	6.34
Global Growth	109.29	115.30	+ 0.48	1.37
Equity Inc	91.21	97.03†	+ 0.29	4.50
Equity	859.35	914.20†	+ 3.60	2.39
European	269.60	278.76	+ 1.27	0.76
High Income	92.20	98.09†	+ 0.23	5.33
Intl Grth	231.25	246.01	+ 0.85	0.70
Intl Sm Co	100.42	106.83†	+ 0.42	0.53
Japanese	246.05	254.97	+ 3.38	..
Nth Amer	245.10	253.98†	− 1.16	1.22
Pacific Mkts	128.56	131.15	− 0.10	0.64
Premier Inc	47.75	49.70†	− 0.09	6.64
Sm Cos	116.14	123.55†	− 0.41	1.83
Spec Sits	127.50	135.64	− 0.42	2.60
Uk Growth	145.63	154.93	− 0.69	2.30
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	82.12	86.35	+ 0.21	3.86
Investment Trust	114.01	119.88	+ 0.68	.
UK Smaller Cos	111.69	117.44	− 0.39	0.87
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	339.20	359.70†	+ 1.30	3.14
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	689.62	733.05	+ 6.79	0.46
FA America (Acc)	806.51	857.31	+ 7.95	0.46
FA UK Equity Inc	182.87	195.38†	+ 1.08	..
FA Japan	266.66	283.82	+ 2.95	..
FA Major Uk Cos	114.23	121.82	+ 0.79	1.75
FA Smllr Uk Cos	390.79	425.08	+ 0.59	0.71
FA European	414.70	440.17	+ 2.07	0.31
FA Amer Smllr Cos	62.92	67.08	+ 0.94	..
FA Asia	60.06	64.37	− 0.07	
FA Jap Smllr Cos	47.92	51.19	+ 0.45	
RAM Personal Pension				
Uk Major Cos	119.99	126.30	+ 0.87	.
Uk Smllr Cos	115.20	121.25	+ 0.16	
Uk Income	120.22	126.54	+ 0.89	.
America	139.16	146.47	+ 1.35	
Japanese	59.04	62.14	+ 0.65	.
European	133.82	140.85	+ 0.87	
Gilt	97.06	102.16	+ 0.19	...
Deposit	88.81	93.48	− 0.01	.
Managed	117.66	123.85	− 0.57	.
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
Uk Major Cos	116.65	122.78	+ 0.80	.
Uk Smaller Cos	112.32	118.22	+ 0.17	.
UK Income	117.08	123.23	+ 0.66	
America	135.21	142.32	+ 1.32	.
Japanese	57.36	60.37	+ 0.62	.
European	130.16	137.00	+ 0.84	
Gilt	94.56	99.53	− 0.10	..
Deposit	84.99	89.46	+ 0.01	
Managed	110.08	115.86	+ 0.54	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 838 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	125.40	133.30	+ 1.20	0.23
Pacific Basin	89.11	94.56	+ 0.10	0.24
High Inc Dist	153.80	164.60	+ 0.60	4.01
Ryl Life Int Cmy	64.31	68.08†	+ 0.25	4.05
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	83.13	88.60	+ 0.61	0.12
Ryl Life Intl Spec	77.45	82.39	+ 0.68	..
UK Emerging Cos	160.80	173.80	+ 0.60	0.88
Uk Index Trckg	191.40	204.40†	.	1.53
European	167.10	179.50	+ 1.60	0.26
Managed	185.20	199.10	+ 1.20	0.99
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 784 400				
American Growth	203.70	216.70	+ 1.10	1.49
European Growth	139.90	148.30	+ 0.50	2.22
Far East Growth	161.40	171.80	− 0.10	1.76
Japan Growth	142.60	151.60†	− 0.70	.
Special Sits	260.00	276.50	+ 0.70	1.08
Uk Growth	99.05	105.30	+ 0.20	1.85
Triton General	298.60	317.70†	+ 0.40	0.93
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	187.70	198.60	− 0.20	0.50
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	408.70	432.50	+ 2.80	0.31
-do- Accum	638.70	675.90	+ 4.40	0.31
Growth Inc	163.30	172.80	+ 0.70	0.18
-do- Accum	167.40	177.10	+ 0.70	0.18
International Inc	423.80	448.50	+ 2.50	0.09
-do- Accum	584.20	618.20	+ 3.30	0.09
Nth Am & Intl Inc	425.10	449.80	+ 6.00	0.20
UK Gen Prog Inc	257.20	272.20	+ 0.80	0.88
-do- Accum	294.60	311.70	+ 0.80	0.88
UK High Inc Inc	147.00	155.60	+ 0.80	4.83
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	130.63	138.96	− 0.34	0.75
European Gwth	92.32	98.21	+ 0.31	1.00
Global Bd	62.28	65.83	+ 0.19	5.00
Japan Sm Coc	61.39	65.30	+ 0.86	
Uk Gwth	91.71	97.55	+ 0.45	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	91.68	97.53†	. .	3.07
Amer Smllr Cos	159.90	170.10	.	.
Asian Smaller Cos	49.68	52.85		
Capital Portfolio	151.39	161.00†	.	1.94
Cash	133.10	133.10		5.43
China Dragon	64.90	69.04†		1.54
Commodity	177.60	188.90	...	. .
Eastern Discovery	120.60	128.30	...	. .
Emerging Mkts	41.09	43.71	.	.
Energy Inds	159.60	169.80	..	
European Gwth	233.70	248.60	..	0.30
Euro Inc & Gwth #	94.18	100.20		1.68
Euro Smllr Cos	73.27	77.95	. .	0.10
Extra Income #	55.59	57.40†		6.16
Financial Secs	274.60	292.10	. .	1.04
High Income #	47.66	47.66†	..	7.86
Gold & Exploration	137.70	146.50	..	.
High Return #	255.30	271.60	. .	4.34
High Yield #	257.70	274.10†		3.05
Income #	132.50	141.00		3.98
Intl Bond	171.00	180.60	.	6.04
ITU	243.20	258.70†	...	0.52
Japan Growth	194.70	207.10	..	
Japan Smaller	203.20	216.30†		.
Korea	68.11	72.48	.	
Masterfund	67.41	67.75	.	0.90
Southern Africa	61.96	65.90	.	1.23
Scotbits	411.10	437.30	...	1.14
Scotshares #	352.70	375.20	...	1.79
Scotyields #	277.90	295.60	..	2.70
Select Intl	161.60	171.90	.	0.55
Smaller Cos Inc #	271.60	288.90†	...	3.27
SE Asia	58.03	61.73†	.	0.03
Special Situation	158.60	168.70	. .	1.68
UK Equity #	289.60	308.10	. .	2.40
UK Growth	79.52	84.60†		1.98
Uk & O'seas	200.50	213.30		1.46
Uk Smllr Cos Gwth	62.30	66.28		1.20
US Growth	216.80	230.60	..	...
Univ Growth	164.90	175.40†		0.47
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	344.38	364.58†	+ 1.87	0.90
-do- Accum	379.81	402.10†	+ 2.07	0.90
European Gwth	92.08	97.53	+ 0.48	0.96
Euro Smllr Cos	112.24	119.26	+ 0.30	0.29
Far Eastern Gth	120.22	128.23	+ 0.78	.
-do- Accum	122.54	130.70	+ 0.79	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	51.06	53.81	− 0.03	7.77
Global Bond #	53.08	54.83	− 0.01	6.89
-do- Accum #	61.47	63.51	− 0.03	6.89
Global Emer Mkts	60.55	64.58†	− 0.05	..
-do- Accum	60.63	64.67†	− 0.05	...
Income #	410.09	437.42	+ 2.13	4.87
-do- Accum #	£13.58	£14.49	+ 7.07	4.87
Japan Smllr Cos	494.92	527.91	− 0.57	..
-do- Accum	495.91	528.97	− 0.57	.
Japan Enterprise	74.78	79.76†	+ 0.72	..
Pacific Gwth	167.68	178.85	− 0.18	0.81
-do- Accum	173.60	185.27	− 0.17	0.81
Portfolio	95.87	102.25	+ 0.48	1.81
-do- Accum	105.83	112.87	+ 0.52	1.81
Seoul	56.77	60.55	− 0.14	0.28
-do- Accum	56.77	60.55	− 0.14	0.28
Smaller Cos	309.91	330.57	+ 0.24	0.84
Strategic Inc	102.59	109.32	+ 0.34	2.35
Strategic Acc	102.59	109.32	+ 0.34	2.35
Tokyo	140.09	149.42	+ 1.39	...
-do- Accum	141.50	150.98	+ 1.40	...
Uk Enterprise	337.44	359.93	+ 0.81	2.04
-do- Accum	412.05	439.51	+ 0.88	2.04
Uk Equity	300.84	320.89	+ 1.36	2.43
-do- Accum	598.10	637.96	+ 2.70	2.43
US Smllr Cos	245.81	261.34†	+ 0.97	...
-do- Accum	245.81	261.34†	+ 0.97	
Institutional Funds				
European	293.27	304.24	+ 1.85	1.36
-do- Accum	329.48	341.80	+ 2.07	1.36
Euro Smllr Cos	36.98	38.51	+ 0.22	1.19
-do- Accum	39.73	41.37	+ 0.23	1.19
Global Equity Inc	95.80	99.79†	+ 0.88	0.88
Japan Smllr Cos	42.57	44.34	+ 0.08	0.09
-do- Accum	42.93	44.72	+ 0.08	0.09
Mngd Balanced	226.97	238.42	+ 0.77	3.02
-do- Accum	264.64	275.66	+ 0.90	3.02
Overseas Equity	233.20	242.91	+ 1.51	1.14
-do- Accum	243.56	253.71	+ 1.58	1.14
Oseas Smllr Cos	157.17	163.71	+ 0.48	1.03
-do- Accum	165.62	172.52	+ 0.52	1.03
Pacific	300.33	312.84†	− 0.39	1.15
-do- Accum	332.96	346.81†	− 0.44	1.15
Recovery	£24.04	£25.04	+ 7.20	2.76
-do- Accum	£26.09	£27.17	+ 7.82	2.76
Uk Index	183.85	191.51	+ 0.69	3.30
-do- Accum	231.30	240.93	+ 0.87	3.30
UK Small Cos	144.48	150.50	+ 0.02	2.32
-do- Accum	158.61	165.22	+ 0.02	2.32
US Smllr Cos	71.15	74.11†	− 0.18	0.69
-do- Accum	72.86	75.90†	− 0.19	0.69
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2280				
Equity Income	58.93	62.32	+ 0.10	3.21
Equity Trust	74.46	78.74	+ 0.34	1.21
Equity Strategy	90.14	95.32	+ 0.17	1.22
European Opps	107.09	113.25	+ 0.74	0.57
UK Smaller Cos	82.06	86.78	+ 0.14	0.85
Maximum Inc	99.27	101.84	+ 0.01	6.21
Japanese	89.45	94.59	+ 1.72	.
Asia Pacific	139.44	147.46	− 0.73	0.31
American	138.84	146.82	+ 0.84	0.30
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	32.69	32.69	.	5.522
UK General Inc	62.68	66.78†	+ 0.25	3.20
-do- Accum	82.37	87.76†	+ 0.32	3.20
Intl Income	310.90	331.40	+ 1.90	1.66
-do- Accum	544.90	580.70	+ 3.30	1.66
European	102.91	109.02	+ 0.53	1.67
Japan	76.36	80.89	+ 0.86	.
American	95.70	101.31	+ 0.56	1.62
Far East	99.75	106.41	− 0.18	1.35
Ethical Inc	40.27	43.07	− 0.15	1.72
UK Blue Chip Inc	38.95	41.59†	+ 0.17	3.04
High Inc Inc	41.42	44.18	+ 0.12	3.63
UK Global Inc	48.50	51.70†	− 0.25	1.90
Wwide Tact	85.05	90.54	+ 0.61	1.11
Europe 2000 Tact	70.09	74.55	+ 0.20	1.02
Technology	171.80	183.00	+ 1.83	0.86
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
Uk Equity	466.30	496.90	+ 1.90	2.77
American	361.10	383.10	− 3.30	0.49
Pacific	454.20	485.80	+ 1.90	0.25
European	675.40	722.40	+ 2.70	1.42
Worldwide	109.60	117.20	− 0.70	0.48
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	326.10	347.00	− 1.30	2.11
-do- Accum	422.10	449.10	+ 1.70	2.11
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	284.30	302.50	− 0.20	0.93
-do- Accum	347.80	370.00	+ 0.30	0.93
Select Oppinty Inc	86.50	92.52	+ 0.56	1.64
Income Plus Inc	62.30	67.58	+ 0.24	3.30
European Inc	438.00	466.70†	+ 2.00	1.19
-do- Accum	500.40	532.40†	+ 2.30	1.19
Far Eastern Inc	198.90	217.70†	− 0.50	0.80
-do- Accum	229.40	244.10†	− 0.50	0.80
Japanese Inc	68.47	72.85†	+ 1.07	...
Nth American Inc	329.00	350.10†	+ 2.80	0.14
-do- Accum	363.80	387.10†	+ 2.30	0.14
Intl Growth Inc	244.70	260.40	+ 1.60	0.33
Wwide Venture Inc	99.00	105.40	− 0.80	1.02
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	439.70	468.90	+ 1.50	2.30
-do- Accum	666.80	711.10	+ 2.30	2.30
UK High Inc	206.60	220.50	+ 0.60	2.98
-do- Accum	315.20	336.20	+ 1.00	2.98
Europe Inc	471.60	503.00	+ 2.50	0.41
Nth Amer Inc	326.10	347.70	+ 1.70	..
Global Inc	269.20	287.10	+ 1.50	0.17
Global Acc	290.00	309.30	+ 1.70	0.17
UK Spec Sits Inc	129.10	137.80	+ 0.40	1.70
South East Asia	265.90	283.60	+ 0.20	0.35
Cash Trust Inc	101.90	101.90	...	5.32
UK Smlr Cos Inc	129.10	137.70	+ 0.30	1.50
-do- Accum	134.40	143.40	+ 0.40	1.50
Intl Bond Inc	97.53	103.50	+ 0.30	5.27
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	159.60	168.20	+ 0.80	0.84
Nth American	144.20	151.80	− 1.40	0.06
Intl Bond & Curr	126.90	133.60†	+ 0.38	8.87
Pooled Pension (C)	237.00	254.80†	+ 2.80	1.88
Smaller Cos	114.80	120.80†	+ 0.40	0.74
Uk General	160.50	168.90†	+ 1.00	2.33
Far Eastern	110.60	118.40	+ 0.60	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	134.84	...	+ 1.38	...
Aztec ‡	70.35	...	− 0.37	.
European ‡	163.87	.	+ 0.42	...
Global Bond ‡	92.48	. .	+ 0.36	8.11
Investment Trust ‡	116.75	...	+ 0.52	0.98
Preferred Income ‡	110.46	.	+ 0.51	4.56
Samurai ‡	62.86		+ 1.28	..
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.64	...	+ 0.01	5.20
UK Growth ‡	113.59	...	+ 0.14	2.38
Tai Pan ‡	113.19	. .	+ 0.41	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	114.46	.	+ 0.12	2.33
UK Equity Inc ‡	113.54		− 0.09	4.51
Glob Gwth PEP	79.32	84.38	+ 0.65	1.16
Pref Inc PEP #	103.80	109.60†	+ 0.20	5.86
Inv Trust PEP	58.86	62.61	+ 1.22	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	473.30	500.70	+ 5.70	...
Capital	148.00	156.20†	+ 1.28	1.92
Cash	100.70	100.70†	+ 0.01	5.46
European	162.30	171.80	+ 0.50	0.94
Far Eastern	174.60	184.80	− 1.20	...
Growth	164.20	173.80	+ 0.80	1.18
Income #	138.90	144.90†	− 0.10	4.73
Magnum	159.10	169.00†	+ 1.20	1.44
Smlr Secs	552.80	585.00†	+ 0.30	0.18
Thoroughbred	184.20	197.30†	+ 1.56	1.11
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cnsltd Primrose	57.46	61.45	− 0.15	7.80
Ethical	86.98	93.02	+ 0.59	0.29
European Growth	84.26	89.65	+ 0.23	1.13
Income	60.45	64.65†	+ 0.24	4.38
Intl Growth	116.50	124.20†	+ 0.50	1.17
Managed	96.93	103.30	+ 0.30	1.96
UK Growth	80.23	85.80	+ 0.36	1.14
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	47.44	47.68	+ 0.18	1.45
Global Advtg Acc	51.40	51.66	+ 0.18	1.45
Income Advtg Inc	35.24	35.42	...	3.61
Income Advtg Acc	40.41	40.62		3.61
UK Equity Gth Acc	95.28	101.00	+ 0.46	0.68
Premier Inc Inc	48.32	50.86	+ 0.18	7.83
Premier Inc Acc	50.21	52.85	+ 0.10	7.83
Managed Acc	62.67	66.44	+ 0.20	1.30
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	40.10	42.51†	...	4.38
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	52.50	55.65	...	4.38
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	76.03	80.78	+ 0.30	2.11
UK Equity Gen Inc	54.95	58.39	+ 0.20	2.11
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.11	32.90†	+ 0.10	6.93
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	385.50	418.30	+ 0.10	1.28
Nth American Acc	61.30	65.14	+ 0.40	...
Pacific Basin	50.22	53.36	− 0.10	0.45
European Acc	60.78	64.58	+ 0.10	0.71
Japan Acc	29.56	31.41	− 0.10	...
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.484	4.754	+0.065	1.80
US Eqs (US$)	3.243	3.443	+0.122	0.92
Far East Extra (yen)	278.20	295.59	+ 0.20	...
FT Europe	154.78	164.30	+ 0.60	1.19
FT N Amer (US$)	2.501	2.658	+0.104	0.44
FT Japan (yen)	253.60	269.80	+ 0.50	...
FT Asia Exlap (US$)	2.907	3.088	−0.003	0.79
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	565.10	599.60	+ 4.80	
British #	1300.10	1375.50	+ 3.90	2.65
Emging Mkts	163.80	174.50†	+ 0.20	0.65
European	675.10	718.70	+ 2.80	0.67
Japan	151.28	160.58	+ 1.28	.
New Pacific	466.10	496.40	− 1.30	0.98
-do- Accum	498.10	530.50	...	0.98
Inv Trust Acc	309.20	327.70	+ 1.60	0.84
Mngd Equity	212.60	224.30	+ 0.60	1.51
Mngd Cash	95.90	95.90	+ 0.01	5.46
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1054.00	1127.08	+ 3.80	1.91
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■ FILM 1

Oversexed, under-age and over here: *Kids*, the controversial "slice of teenage life", opens

■ FILM 2

Violence doesn't get much more mindless than in *Money Train*, about robbery on New York's subway

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■ FILM 3

. . . but Bridget Fonda provides more enjoyment in a wacky James Hadley Chase story, *Rough Magic*

■ FILM 4

. . . while, for those who enjoyed the Brooklyn wit of *Smoke*, more of the same comes in *Blue in the Face*

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on the *Kids* from hell, a little Chinese masterpiece, and the latest batch of Cannes hopefuls

Nasty, brutish and still growing

You could call Shirley Temple a kid, I suppose, but she was not like the kids in **Kids**. No Good Ship Lollipop. No innocent lust for chocolate cake. These young white teenagers roaming Manhattan rape and infect virgins. They shoplift, smoke joints, assault blacks and gays. School work? Parents? Responsibility? Never heard of them.

Larry Clark, the stills photographer turned director, works hard at flinging their lives in our faces. No plot is worked up to lend the film tension and shape: the youngsters, played by non-professionals, just spend a day and a night talking, bragging, satisfying their desires. A script was written by Harmony Korine, an 18-year-old skateboarder, but there are no shapely lines, just tumult, invective, and rudery.

As with the words, so with the images. Cameraman Eric Edwards, who makes pretty pictures for Gus Van Sant movies, lurches about with handheld equipment. The rough-grained texture suggests the film was shot on sandpaper. The total impression, by design, is of a raw, bleeding chunk of life.

Screen realism, however, is just as much an affected style as any other; and the accuracy of Clark's presentation must be questioned. Would real teenagers be so hyperactive, squeezing depravity into every corner of the day? When would they worship the god TV? Clark wants his spectacle, and he wants the adrenalin to rush: when a black man gets kicked, rap music muscles in to heighten the action.

The surface realism has still been sufficient to stir massive controversy, chiefly over the film-makers' intent (is this art or exploitation?) and the performers' age. The British Board of Film Classification spent four months agonising, seeking proof of the producers' claims that actors involved in sexual situations were at least 18. They do not always look it; certainly, any shock value this film possesses lies in the characters' youth, not their actions.

As for the film-makers' intent, Clark probably believes he is making art: he made his name, after all, training his lens carefully on urban youth in his books *Tulsa* and *Teenage Lust*. Others have called *Kids* a wake-up call, a warning against running wild, although the "18" certificate means that those most in need of a salutary slap cannot legally see the film. But what matters most is the result, not the intention. By that test *Kids* is monotonous, unedifying, and certainly skirts exploitation's boundaries. Above all, it is bad cinema.

Life gets no rosier with **Money Train**, a despicable film that inspired copycat crimes on New York's subway system. One employee eventually died of burns. Even without this side effect, the film is terrible, smeared with infantile dialogue and truly nasty violence.

The script asks us to believe that Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson, two Transit cops, are foster brothers with a dream of robbing the gleaming train that collects the day's takings from subway stations. It takes 80 minutes for the dream to materialise: time wasted with arson attacks, obvious jokes and an overbearing performance from Robert Blake as the subway system chief. Once the robbery happens, the film gets no better. Snipes's star power seems dimmed, and director Joseph Ruben keeps a loose grip on the action. If this film can be regarded as entertainment, society itself must be hurtling to destruction.

Luckily not every film leaves you feeling mugged. Clare Peploe's **Rough Magic** soothes and beguiles, although you have to go with the flow of a crazy story that embraces levitation, a man turned into a sausage, and a talking dog.

The story hails, astonishingly, from James Hadley Chase, the pulp thriller maestro who wrote books set in America without usually budging from England. The film, though, soaks up authentic atmosphere as Bridget Fonda, a magician's assistant, heads south into Mexico in the early 1950s to locate a Mayan shaman. In pursuit comes Russell Crowe, Australian star of *Romper Stomper*, as a reporter hired by Fonda's fiancé, a wealthy creep who needs a wife to prosper in politics.

But enough of the plot, especially since the film delights in springing surprises. Not every moment is perfectly judged: but in general Peploe, a former assistant to Antonioni and Bertolucci, creates an enchanted environment in which anything can happen. American belief in science collides with age-old forces of magic. Fantasy erupts into a film noir pastiche, which is then overlaid with peasant humour.

The cast moves confidently through this tricky terrain. Fonda can often appear wan, but here she's in splendid sparky form. Crowe is personable, and Jim Broadbent hits the right fruity note as a scallywag English doctor with his own need for the shaman's elixir. Neither art-house movie nor mainstream thriller, *Rough Magic* may have difficulty finding an audience, but that is the audience's fault, not the film's.

The audience for **Blue in the Face** is the audience that saw and enjoyed *Smoke*: no others would get the point of this ramshackle companion to Wayne Wang and Paul Auster's artful slice of Brooklyn life, released here last month. Harvey Keitel and the customers of his corner cigar store return to the screen; but they fritter away the time with semi-improvised comedy sketches or exchanges with cameo players appearing for a lark. Reluctant to lose the cast of *Smoke*, Wang and Auster shot the film in six days, straight after the earlier film wrapped. They really need not have bothered.

The film at least allows Brooklyn residents their say, and fills in some local history. Archive footage sketches the Brooklyn Dodgers' rise and fall; faces speak straight to camera, offering statistics on the number of Belgian waffles consumed each day in the borough. But any reality invoked promptly gets skewered when a cameo player looms. Jim Jarmusch drops by to smoke his last cigarette; Lou Reed drops by to recall his first. Madonna delivers a singing telegram. Some of their scenes are droll, but they turn the film into a variety show.

Any film that features an Irish dwarf, stargazing, Nazi-occupied Normandy, and Matt Dillon has its hands full. You suspect a plot written to suit the whims of the international financiers; in fact, **Frankie Starlight** takes its cue from a novel that is just as batty, *The Dork of Cork* by Chet Raymo. Frankie is the dwarf, offspring of a girl fleeing France (Anne Parillaud) and a Dublin customs officer (Gabriel Byrne). "All our stories are up there," Byrne tells the lad, gazing at stars from a rooftop; but the stories are relayed in so gauche a manner by the director, Michael Lindsay-Hogg, that you scarcely ever fall under their spell.

Better by far to venture to China, courtesy of the Barbican's Chinese Film Week. The programme mixes new titles with old. **Postman**, in particular, should be pounced on. He Jianjun's film, rigorously controlled and moving, concerns a postal worker who begins to fill an empty life by reading the letters he delivers. With China's censors snapping at his heels, He smuggled his film out of the country last January; two weeks later, it was premiered at the Rotterdam Film Festival. This is no angry social document, although its portrait of bleak, lonely lives would scarcely make Chinese authorities beam. See it.

Kids
MGM Haymarket
18, 93 mins
Unedifying portrait of kids running wild

Money Train
Warner West End
18, 110 mins
Nasty antics in New York's subway system

Rough Magic
Odeon Haymarket
12, 104 mins
Clare Peploe's engaging oddity

Blue in the Face
Renoir, 15, 89 mins
Unnecessary companion piece to Smoke

Frankie Starlight
National Film Theatre
15, 102 mins
Whimsical mishmash

Leo Fitzpatrick and Sarah Henderson in a typical scene from *Kids*, a film that makes up in contrived outrage what it lacks in cinematic worth

'A waste of celluloid'

SNAP VERDICT

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

KIDS

Matt Jones, 23: Just because a film tackles difficult subjects it doesn't make it worthwhile. This is just dull and nasty, full of totally repellent characters.

Damian Samuels, 23: The lead character in this is utterly vulgar, and makes Sylvester Stallone sound like Henry Higgins.

Michelle Robertson, 22: A waste of celluloid. An exaggerated and depressing look at American youth culture.

Claire Smith, 22: This makes a rather desperate bid for controversy. It doesn't so much disturb as make one squirm.

ROUGH MAGIC

Matt: This is awfully turgid tripe that almost falls into the "so bad it's funny" category. Almost totally devoid of any merit, it misfires on every conceivable level.

Damian: This is laughably bad. It's 100 minutes too long, and not even Jim Broadbent can revive this pile of tedious dross.

Michelle: An enchanting film with wonderful moments of humour; a feel-good movie that will surely be enjoyed by all.

Claire: Bridget Fonda is cool and sassy in this, which combines spells, illusion and tongue-in-cheek humour — pure escapism.

BLUE IN THE FACE

Matt: This is a wonderful look at Brooklyn life told in many charming episodes. Very funny and utterly captivating.

Damian: Brilliantly funny, full of beautifully timed comic vignettes and excellent video footage. The cast is magnificent.

Michelle: Witty, enthralling, captivating and simple are the ingredients which will make this a surefire hit with audiences.

Claire: This combines a quality cast and a wacky script to produce a film that's quirky and fun.

A Palme crossed with silver?

CANNES

The word on the grapevine is that a Malibu psychic has already determined the winners of the competition section at Cannes. The Palme d'Or will go either to Chen Kaige's **Temptress Moon**, or Raul Ruiz's **Three Lives and One Death**; or possibly the prize will be shared. Ruiz, a Chilean maker of surreal puzzle pictures, seems an extraordinarily long shot: people usually walk out of his films, not give them awards.

In allotting the prize to *Temptress Moon*, the Malibu psychic may have been guided by *Farewell My Concubine*, Chen's last success. *Moon*, unfortunately, fails to match that film's splendour: in his desire to avoid confrontation with China's censors, the director has retreated further than before into period escapism, and crafted something as hollow as an old-style MGM spectacular. The camera caresses the beautiful stars, Gong Li and Leslie Cheung; the Steadicam operator takes endless trips down the Shanghai streets of the 1920s or the corridor maze of the country estates where opium claims the ruling classes' brains. But Chen's visual pyrotechnics soon splutter out; ultimately the film is about nothing more than international finance and the Western appetite for period exotica.

Gazing into my own crystal ball, I see recognition for Lars von Trier's **Breaking the Waves**, a compelling and quirky epic love story. Previously, the Danish director of *Europa* has appeared highly talented, but too much the clever dick; however, the making of his television serial *The Kingdom* seems to have humanised him. The story of *Waves*, shot in English and set in the early 1970s in the remote north of Scotland, has the raw power of a silent Scandinavian melodrama. The heroine, Bess, is a naive girl who sets the Calvinist elders tut-tutting when she marries Jan, an oil-rig worker. When Jan is bedridden after an injury, their passion takes a turn that tests everyone's understanding of faith and devotion.

Von Trier's darting, bleached visuals — distracting at first — soon draw you inside the bizarre plot; and Emily Watson, plucked from the London stage, gives a deeply felt performance as the girl who loves not wisely but too well. Like all the best melodramas, this is a film that churns the heart.

In the past Joel and Ethan Coen have also been too wrapped up in style to accommodate much human feeling. But not in **Fargo**, which already seems one of the year's best American films. By returning to their roots in Minnesota and tackling a true story, the brothers let fresh air into their elegant games with movie genres. Released from studio artifice, the camera revels in the snow-covered prairie and the houses and bars where a kidnap plot leads to murder. A car salesman in serious debt (William H. Macy) hopes to winkle the money out of his rich father-in-law by arranging for his wife's abduction. But the thugs' ineptitude brings pregnant police chief Frances McDormand sniffing round.

The Coens extract much comedy from the laconic regional speech, but they never stoop to caricature. The characters remain ordinary, flawed people, and we watch, enthralled, as human folly engulfs them.

Cannes pleasures continue outside the competition section. Hard on the heels of Ian McKellen's Richard III, the movies now have Al Pacino's, enshrined in his lively directorial debut, **Looking for Richard**. Chunks of Shakespeare's play are ingeniously interspersed with comments from actors, academics and Joe Public on their experience, if any, of the Bard.

GEOFF BROWN

Jean-Marc Barr and Stellan Skarsgård in the Palme d'Or contender Breaking the Waves

RADIO: The current campaign to save Radio 3 implies that it needs saving

It ain't broke, so don't fix it

POOR old Radio 3. The listening figures are down, an obvious and surely unworrying consequence of Classic FM, and the listeners that are left are grumpy. Or some of them are. Or one of them is. The Campaign to Preserve Radio 3 has recently emerged from the woodwork, headed by a man in Folkestone.

Not that I hope he fails: quite the reverse. It is just that the creation of such a pressure group implies that Radio 3 is falling apart, which is far from true. I have just spent a week listening to nothing but Radio 3. I conclude that the grumblers are only listening to the bits they do not like.

Some of them want more music, which means they do not want a new nightly series such as **Picasso's Women** (weeknights this week, except Wednesday). These are marvellous programmes, consisting of monologues written by Brian McAvera and read by Barbara Flynn, Hannah Gordon, Josette Simon and Lindsay Duncan.

They read the roles of the principal women in Picasso's life, including his first wife, one of his mistresses and two of his models. The great man is portrayed as a wife-beater who was fond of schoolgirls. But he had the wit to choose at least one model who was better read than him and a mistress who was his intellectual superior.

Perhaps the grumpy problem is the wrong type of music. Jazz is often mentioned. Yet **Jazz Notes** (Monday) had some vigorous work written by the young British pianist Julian Joseph for the BBC Big Band and a most original, poetry-inspired suite by the saxophonist Tommy Smith.

The presenters? If I get one more letter complaining about Paul Gambaccini, I shall send the writers tapes of **Morning Collection** (weekdays) with everything bar Gambaccini's introductions edited out. The man is an asset to the network.

There is only one thing that the grumpies ought to be worrying about, and that is the resistance to pressure of Nicholas Kenyon, Radio 3's controller. I do not think he is pursuing Classic's ratings, but if those who do bang on long enough, they will be hoist with their own petard.

Classic FM deserves support because a station playing "the best bits" will, at best, nurture an audience for the other bits. But Classic will have done the nation an inadvertent disservice if its proponents persuade BBC high-ups, pinned to the wall at cocktail parties, to react to criticism of Radio 3.

With luck the tug-of-war between people pulling Radio 3 in opposite directions will result in deadlock and Radio 3 will remain more or less what it has always been, namely the best serious music station money can buy. I only hope that Kenyon keeps his neck away from the rope.

PETER BARNARD

Brisk answers to Chinese puzzles

OPERA

Turandot
Theatre Royal Glasgow

CHRISTOPHER ALDEN'S production of Puccini's opera has done even better service than originally envisaged: it was always planned as a co-production between the Welsh National and Scottish Opera, but was hauled in to fill a gap at the Coliseum last year as well. It was anyway conceived for a small theatre, and at Tuesday's revival in Glasgow was in its best state yet.

Alden has radically simplified the staging, greatly to its advantage. There is less incomprehensible mime and, most important, less capering for the trio of Masks, who are allowed to catch the essential melancholy of voices of reason powerless in an irrational world. And an excellent young trio they are too — Stephen Gadd, Peter Hoare and David Newman — their music thoughtfully prepared and most engagingly sung under Richard Armstrong's guidance.

Armstrong's approach to the score is surprisingly and convincingly brisk, emphasising its savagery rather than its sickliness. Only in *Nessun dorma* does he let himself slip into the soup bowl (and why not?): otherwise, this is a tough reading, innocent of empty rhetoric or false sentiment, a reading to remind you of *Turandot's* leanly muscled modernity. The robust orchestral playing was a great help, and David Jones's chorus has surely never sung better.

The Chinese tenor Deng made a fine Calaf; his voice is essentially lyric in scale, but he coped. Francesca Pedaci brought an authentically Italianate *spinto* edge to Liù as well as the ability to float top notes — lovely. Andrew Hammond's Pu-Tin-Pao was quite the creepiest yet; either I have a dirty mind or the "execution" of the Prince of Persia could well excite the attention of the local watch committee.

And there was a notable debut from the Canadian soprano Kathleen Broderick as the Ice Princess. She has a big voice with plenty of air around the tone to temper the steeliness; she is musical and really phrases the lines. A slight fuzz on the tone in the upper reaches vanished by the third act, where her singing was thrillingly radiant and steady. And more than any other Turandot I have seen, she — and Alden — managed to suggest the birth of a new personality in the course of the finale. It is not there, frankly, in Alfano's music, but Broderick almost persuaded you that it was. Very clever.

RODNEY MILNES

■ CHOICE 1

John Nettles plays Brutus in the RSC's staging of *Julius Caesar*

VENUE: Now in preview at the Barbican

■ CHOICE 2

When Irish feet are pounding: *Riverdance* is back in London

VENUE: From tonight at the Labatt's Apollo

THE TIMES ARTS

■ NEW VIDEOS

Michael Radford's *Il postino* is a sensitive vehicle for Massimo Troisi's great performance

■ RECORDS

Pierre Boulez and the Cleveland Orchestra take a typically invigorating view of Mahler

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL: Sir Colin Davis conducts Mozart's delightful *Singspiel* for the first time at Covent Garden. The plot embraces passion, cruelty, love and wisdom, graced by virtuoso arias and ensembles. Eva Mei plays the heroine Konstanze and Kurt Rydl is the harem overseer Osmin, while Inger Dam-Jensen makes her Royal Opera debut as Blonde. Elijah Moshinsky directs his production in Sidney Nolan's imaginative designs, which evoke the exoticism and savagery of Imperial Turkey. Sung in German with English surtitles.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then May 18, 20, 24, 29, June 1. Ⓢ

JULIUS CAESAR: Christopher Benjamin plays the colossus, with John Nettles and Julian Glover (Brutus and Cassius) snapping at his heels in Peter Hall's production from last year's Stratford.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Previews begin tonight, 7.15pm. Opens May 23, 7pm. Then in rep.

RIVERDANCE — THE SHOW: Returning to London for its third season, this exciting fusion of dance, music and song draws on Irish traditions to create a spectacular show with universal appeal. Stunning dance sequences, from the astounding tap and Irish hard-shoe routine to the vibrant passion of flamenco, are performed by a cast of 80. Devised by Moya Doherty, with John McColgan and Bill Whelan, who also composed the music and lyrics. Book early, as few tickets remaining.
Labatt's Apollo, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (0171-416 6080). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat 2.30pm. Until August 31

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Jiří Bělohlávek conducts the **Prague Symphony Orchestra** in two picturesque and melodic tone-poems by Dvořák, Elgar's elegiac Cello Concerto (soloist Ralph Kirshbaum) and Martinů's outstanding Sixth Symphony.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 8pm. Ⓢ

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Roger Allam and Brid Brennan play the upwardly mobile couple in Tim Albery's production of **Macbeth.**
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside (01789-295 623). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then in rep. Ⓢ

SCARBOROUGH: The second, smaller auditorium of the new theatre opens with a revival of Alan Bennett's excellent first play-with-sketches, **Forty Years On**, set in a run-down public school that is sometimes a metaphor for a run-down country.
McCarthy, Stephen Joseph Theatre, Valley Bridge Parade (01723 370541). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.45pm. Until June 15. Ⓢ

TORQUAY: Peter Knapp's **Travelling Opera Company** brings its revival of Bizet's *Carmen* to this seaside resort for one night only. Sung in English.
Princess, Torbay Road (01803 290290). Tonight, 7.30pm. Next in **Blandford Forum**, Bryanston Arts (01258 456533), May 17 and 18; **Brighton Festival**, Theatre Royal (01273 328488), May 20 and 21.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Eve Arnold: In Retrospect (0171-638 4141) ... **British Museum:** Vases and Volcanoes: Sir William Hamilton collection (0171-636 1555) **Courtauld**: Drawings by Thomas Gainsborough (0171-873 2526) ... **Mall Galleries:** Royal Society of Portrait Painters (0171-930 6844) ... **National Gallery:** Pesellino's *Trinity* Altarpiece (0171-747 2885) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Room in View (0171-306 0055) ... **Serpentine:** Langlands and Bell: 40 sculptures (0171-723 9072) ... **Tate:** Marlene Dumas (0171-887 8000) .. **V & A:** The Leighton Frescoes; William Morris (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH:** Award-winning first play from yet another Irish prodigy: Jimmy Murphy's comic tragedy of three Dublin house painters pitted against each other by their demanding boss. A Soho Theatre Co co-production directed by Rough Magic's Lynne Parker. Last week.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 3334). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm.

◩ **CHAPTER TWO:** Tom Conti and Sharon Gless play unattached New Yorkers whirling towards each other in Neil Simon's comedy. Not his best.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm.

☐ **GOOD BONES:** Nick Cohen's adaptation of the Margaret Atwood mythological novel, combining Adam and Eve figures, genesis, sex and cooking.
Southwark Playhouse, Southwark Bridge Rd, SE1 (0171-620 3494). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until June 1

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Peter Hall's acclaimed Haymarket production, with a new cast of Nicola Pagett, David Rintoul, Nicky Henson, Kim Thomson, Googie Withers and John McCallum.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat 3pm

☐ **MIND MILLIE FOR ME:** Latest version of Feydeau's classic farce *Occupe-toi d'Amélie*. Peter Hall directs a splendid cast led by Felicity Kendal.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm. Ⓢ

☐ **THE PRINCE'S PLAY:** Interesting relocation of Victor Hugo's Rigoletto melodrama to Victorian London in Tony Harrison's translation. Goes over the top now and then, but in a good cause.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm; mats Sat and Tue, 2pm. In rep. Ⓢ

◩ **SALAD DAYS:** Welcome return of Julian Slade's tuneful musical, directed by Ned Sherrin. Nicola Fulljames and Simon Connolly play the young lovers in a company that also includes Kit and the Widow.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm

◩ **TARTUFFE:** Ian McDiarmid and Tom Hollander marvellously funny, and creepy, in Jonathan Kent's top-class production of Molière's tart comedy on religious follies.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm. Until June 15. Ⓢ

☐ **TOMMY:** Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

☐ **TWELVE ANGRY MEN:** Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rose's justly celebrated jury-room drama.
Comedy, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) ☐ **Communicating Doors**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) ... ☐ **Funny Money**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) .. ◩ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) .. ☐ **Mack and Mabel**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) .. ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ... ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) ... ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **EXECUTIVE DECISION** (15). Good, silly fun on a hijacked airliner, with Kurt Russell, Halle Berry, and a consignment of nerve gas. Produced by Joel Silver.
MGMs Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

MR HOLLAND'S OPUS (PG): Thirty years of a music teacher's life. Well-meaning piffle, with Richard Dreyfuss. Director, Stephen Herek.
Odeon Leicester Square (01426-915 683)

STONEWALL (15): Events leading up to the 1969 Stonewall riots. Wayward celebration of gay New York, with Guillermo Diaz and Frederick Weller. Director, Nigel Finch.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705)

WHITE SQUALL (12): Jeff Bridges's school ship battles the elements. Waterlogged drama with a splendid storm. Director, Ridley Scott.
MGM Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **THE BIRDCAGE** (15): Crass, gaudy remake of *La Cage aux Folles*, with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the gay couple faced with an in-law problem. Director, Mike Nichols.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **COPYCAT** (18): Agoraphobic Sigourney Weaver and Holly Hunter's police detective battle with a serial killer. Director, Jon Amiel.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **HACKERS** (12): Teenage hackers uncover a corporate conspiracy. Fizzy fun from *Backbeat* director Iain Softley, with Jonny Lee Miller and Angelina Jolie.
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0171-437 1234)

◆ **IL POSTINO** (U): Michael Radford's heartwarming delight about a simple man opening his eyes to poetry.
MGMs: Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470)

◆ **RICHARD III** (15): Shakespeare updated to the 1930s. Dynamic cinema, with Ian McKellen.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366)

◆ **THINGS TO DO IN DENVER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD** (18): Hip and humane crime drama from new director Gary Fleder. With Andy Garcia.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **TWELVE MONKEYS** (15): Unwieldy extravaganza from Terry Gilliam, with Bruce Willis as the time-traveller seeking the source of a virus. With Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

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Beautifully packaged: the late Massimo Troisi gives a wonderful performance in the title role of *Il Postino*

■ IL POSTINO

Touchstone, U, 1995

THIS touching drama about a fisherman's son who discovers new horizons delivering post to the exiled Chilean poet Pablo Neruda is now yours to buy. British director Michael Radford keeps his style simple, knowing the movie stands or falls by Massimo Troisi's wonderful performance as the shy soul who opens up like a flower under Neruda's influence. Radford lets events drift two-thirds of the way through; but with so much movie bedlam around, this quiet film is manna from heaven.

■ FUNNY BONES

Buena Vista, 15, 1995

PETER CHELSOM'S amazing bundle of comedy and tears, perilously attached to a slow-moving plot about two half-brothers in a show-business family. One brother is funny (stand-up comic Lee Evans), one is not (Oliver Platt). The script needs pruning, and the lurches in tone cause seasickness; but Evans's mobile face and Chelsom's affection for Blackpool's variety entertainment create memorable sequences before the film succumbs to overkill. Available to rent.

■ DALEKS — INVASION EARTH 2150 AD

Warner, U, 1966

THIS is the film with the magic line, "We'll have to bypass Watford, the place is full of Daleks". They are after the Earth's magnetic core, but it only takes a tarpaulin pushed over their antennae for things to go awry. Current sci-fi tries to dazzle with technical wizardry; this disarming old specimen, now available in the widescreen format, simply sets out to cash in on a television hit and entertain the kids. Peter Cushing is Dr Who, Bernard Cribbins the comic relief.

■ CRIMSON TIDE

Buena Vista, 15, 1995

ANTIQUE heroics in a submarine, with Gene Hackman as the by-the-book commander and Denzel Washington as a Harvard rival with a different attitude to the nuclear threat from Russian rebels. Interesting to note the resurrection of the Cold War. Otherwise routine stuff. Rental release.

■ MURDER IN THE FIRST

Fox Guild, 15, 1995

AN ABSORBING drama, though director Marc Rocco causes distraction by constantly moving his camera. Kevin Bacon plays the Alcatraz prisoner charged with the first-degree murder of an inmate. Christian Slater is his public defender. Since prison conditions are vile, there is no doubt where our sympathies lie; but the lack of any big dramatic surprise is obscured by Bacon's committed performance as the hard-bitten prisoner who keeps his dignity. Available to rent.

GEOFF BROWN

NEW CLASSICAL CDS: Glorious Goethe; Boulez's unemotional Mahler; Orpheus restored

VOCAL

Hilary Finch

■ SCHUBERT

Goethe Songs
Prégardien/Staier
Deutsche Harmonia Mundi 05472 77342 2★★★

THE partnership of tenor Christoph Prégardien and fortepianist Andreas Staier is rather more successful than that between Schubert and Goethe was ever destined to be. Goethe, with an ignorance verging on arrogance, wanted to know nothing of the young composer who was devotedly to set his poetry to music throughout his life. But whenever these two exceptional musicians join forces, a miracle or two is likely to happen.

The fortepiano's sweet tone and shorter resonance is perfectly tuned to Prégardien's light tenor: for the many songs of Schubert which are "written in water" the fingers set up a gentle surface ripple, while a beautifully controlled half-voice recreates the deadly hush of *Meeres stille*.

Fleet fingerwork and nimble articulation catch the breath of *Restless love* — and then comes a surprise. For *The King of Thule*, Staier's right hand *plucks* the fortepiano's strings, adding a nice *frisson* of archaism. And was that really a mischievous tap of a triangle at the end of *Der Musensohn*, or just the brush of a vanishing wing-tip?

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ MAHLER

Symphony No 7
Cleveland Orchestra/Boulez
DG 447 756-2★★

PIERRE BOULEZ'S foray into Mahler continues to yield unpredictable results. Both his Sixth Symphony, released last summer, and his Fifth, given with the Vienna Philharmonic in London in March, offered fascinating new perspectives. He does it again with the enigmatic Seventh, though his tendency to play down the emotional expression is perhaps taken to unwarrantable extremes by the clinical Clevelanders.

The middle movements (composed first) are the key to this symphony. In the first *Nachtmusik*, a mysterious night patrol, Boulez's brisk tempo makes more sense of the "patrol" than, say, Tennstedt (in his live LPO performance on EMI), though the latter is more disturbing. Boulez misses the element of the phantasmagoric, both here and in the witches' sabbath of a Scherzo. He is more successful in the second *Nachtmusik* (fourth movement), a serenade which he takes at quite a jog (ten minutes against Tennstedt's 15) yet with no sacrifice of exquisitely refined detail.

The finale, with its extraordinary rhythmic and tonal dislocations, seems — for better or worse — less anarchic than usual, and as always with Boulez there is an unerring sense of direction. He does not attempt a heaven-storming peroration like Tennstedt's, but with the virtuoso Cleveland brass in full cry, he provides nevertheless a magnificently invigorating conclusion to a coherent view of a problematic work.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ GLUCK/BERLIOZ

Orphée et Eurydice
Upshaw/Larmore/Hagley/
San Francisco Opera
Orchestra/Runnicles
Teldec 4509-98418-2 (2 CDs)★★★

THOSE who prefer their Gluck spiced with Berlioz will find much to admire in this *Orphée* from the San Francisco Opera, staked out in the Skywalker Ranch. It sounds like a more likely location for *Fanciulla*.

The conductor, Donald Runnicles, opts for the version Berlioz prepared in 1859 as an antidote to the frivolities poor Orpheus had undergone with Offenbach the previous year and because he had the services of Pauline Viardot at hand for the title role.

All Gluck-Berlioz is here, plus a little more. There are the cadenzas Viardot and Camille Saint-Saëns, Berlioz's pupil, added in and also the ballet music, including the five final dances removed for lack of a suitable *corps* to perform them. Runnicles gives the Furies their head and allows the Blessed Spirits an Elysian tranquillity. There is nothing static about this interpretation, although the chorus is kept well in the background.

Jennifer Larmore in the title role, with her exceptional range and masculine throb to the voice, bids fair to be the new Marilyn Horne, who also recorded the part, but in Italian and with different additions. Larmore's Orphée has great intensity, especially in the first act which she has to carry virtually single-handed. Grief and heroics alternate in the approved classical manner.

Excellent support comes from Dawn Upshaw's very feminine Eurydice and the crystalline Amour of Alison Hagley, who with Runnicles forms Britain's contribution to the set.

Counter-tenor fanatics should stay with earlier versions.

★ Worth hearing
★★ Worth considering
★★★ Worth buying

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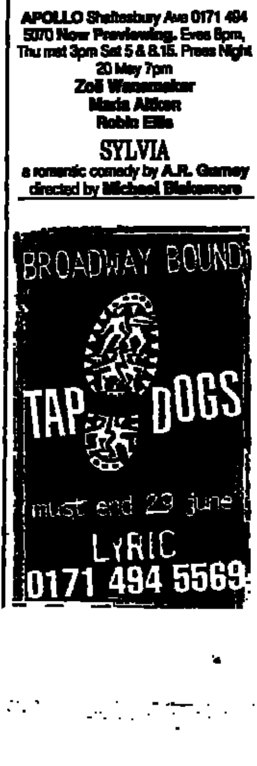

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THEATRE

Mother in an Irish stew

SUPPOSE some orphanage in ancient Athens had asked Euripides to write a play in its honour, and he had riposted with *Medea*. No, that is too mild a comparison. It speaks very well for Dublin's National Maternity Hospital that it professes itself "proud and delighted" with its association with Marina Carr, author of this strange, Stygian, and really rather remarkable piece. But I bet that when the people organising its centenary celebrations first read the play they had commissioned from her, they felt a flutter or two, especially at the parts where the title-character talks of drowning, stabbing and mutilating her children.

Actually, that is just one symptom of a sickness that goes back to Portia Coughlan's birth and reaches its climax at the time the bulk of the play occurs, her thirtieth birthday. Her rich, crippled husband fills her with horror and hatred. *She dislikes her* reproachful mother and tells her so in a scene of alarming verbal and physical violence. Sex with the over-age lads in her Irish backwater has come to disgust her. Derbhle Crotty, her pale, bony face gleaming, cuts a huddled, quaking figure most of the time — and a fierce, feral one when Portia's internal demons run amok.

What justifies this stunning piece of acting? *The* word "asphyxiation" is invoked at one point, and turns out to refer not just to rural ennui but to endemic inbreeding. But Portia's real trouble is that her twin brother drowned himself 15 years before, *leaving her with a* black hole in place of what was always a somewhat embryonic heart. She feels a dual pull: back to adolescence, childhood, the womb where she claims their incestuous couplings began; and to the bottom of a river which Carr has provocatively called the Belmont.

Portia Coughlan
Royal Court

The play is partly a weird joke at the expense of the romantic parts of *The Merchant of Venice*. It is also a ghost story, a case-study in obsession and depression, a demystification of rustic Ireland, and a piece of updated folklore, complete with mentions of witches and changelings. At times the impression is of O'Neill at his most *relentless: which in my* book is a plus. *Portia Coughlan* will probably be called melodramatic, as the great Irish-American's work was, but only because we live in an imaginatively timid age and Carr dares a lot.

Garry Hynes directs against a backcloth which, *Rorschach-style*, teems with trees, spectral faces or both. The dialect occasionally apart, her production is admirably *simple*, lucid, and skilful when it comes to coping with hops of time. The sum effect is powerful, yet, since this is an Irish play, incongruously funny too. There is a hideously hostile, raucous, comic great-granny. Another character is described as not having been born, but "knitted on a wet Sunday afternoon". Would Ireland's National Temperance League or Cat Protection Society please commission a play from Marina Carr? I am sure she would reward their faith.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

As her British tour opens, choreographer Trisha Brown talks to **Allen Robertson**

Step Bach to the future

Her dancing has the power of Niagara and the easy flow of a meandering brook. Trisha Brown's slippery, *loose-limbed* choreography ripples in waves, spins in eddying pools and darts off in unexpected shoals before wending back to its still centre. Yet, for all its *spontaneity*, her *dances never lose sight* of their rigorous structures. Brown, a grandmaster with enough movement strategies to keep even Garry Kasparov guessing, *cleverly combines these* two polarities of freedom and formality in dances that are playful in the most sophisticated of ways.

Beginning with performances in Brighton this weekend, Brown's New York-based company is spending the month on the British festival circuit. This tour is a prelude to a *huge retrospective* of her work at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in October, when she will be celebrating her company's twenty-fifth anniversary. It was at the BAM, in 1983, that Brown broke through to a mass audience: the occasion was the premiere of *Set and Reset*, which is included in her company's British schedule. Fast, fun and flashy, it features multimedia settings and costumes by the artist Robert Rauschenberg and a jaunty, art-rock score by *Laurie Anderson*.

The first performances came together in a rush of adrenalin and a roar of approval. Suddenly Brown was not just one of the most respected of post-modern artists, she was a hot property at the box-office as well.

"Fame is a monster," she says. "I've understood that from the beginning. If you're not careful, it gobbles you up."

Her current fame, not so clamorous as in those heady days when theatres around *the world were queueing* to book *Set and Reset*, is now on a more even keel. Brown, who will be 60 in November, has become a *grande dame* of contemporary dance. Pina Bausch in Germany and fellow American Twyla Tharp are the only other women who can be called her equals in terms of creativity, popularity, bankability and, most importantly, longevity.

"It's a lifetime of work, a body of work, a body about work" is how Brown sums up *herself and her career*. "I am proud of it, astonished by it, but I don't have time to crow. It's really rough in modern dance in America, cut-throat, so you learn how to duck and keep on working. You have got to believe in each thing that you're doing; believe till other people start recognising that you're not just some crackpot."

Brown moved to New York from the West Coast in 1961. It was a time when dance was breaking open, scrapping traditions, turning towards new ways of *moving*. She quickly found herself in the thick of it. Part of the experimental Judson Church Theatre, Brown went so far as to create works that featured performers strapped into harnesses, cantilevered out horizontally and walking on walls, down the outsides of buildings and even spiralling down tree trunks. She sent a quartet of dancers free-floating on rafts across a lake and had others climbing in and out of jumble-sale garments that were *looped through* a *huge* circus net suspended above the audience.

Trisha Brown: "I was trying to discover a vocabulary that is strong enough to find a place within Bach's music"

Most of these dances were motored by personalised codes. In one of them she devised an invisible grid that surrounded each of the performers. The choreography consisted of 27 different movements linked to a particular *point on that grid. These spots* were for each letter of the alphabet with a last to mark the space between words. The dancers then spelt out sentences through movement: "My name is Trisha Brown. I was born in . . ."

The general public which has known her work only since she moved into the mainstream would be surprised by the bald rigour of her early choreography. Those who have followed only the recent phase of her career might be equally startled by Brown's latest choice — classical music.

The big new piece *being seen here* this month, *MO* was created in 1994. *MO* stands for *Musical Offering*, the Bach score. Unless you were lucky enough to be in Naples in 1986, when Brown choreographed and also performed in Lina Wertmuller's production of *Carmen*, you would automatically regard *Brown as a late 20th-century* abstractionist working in tandem with Rauschenberg, Donald Judd, Nancy Graves, Robert Ashley and other top exponents of Manhattan's art-for-art's-sake elite. But with Bach, Brown has become both fascinated and challenged by the wealth of possibilities that might be open to her.

"I knew I didn't want to just physically report his music to the audience. On the other hand I wouldn't ignore the music, and I *did* choreograph a traditional fugue right at the beginning of the piece. To me that was like an abstract painter who finally draws a figure because he's tired of hearing, 'Even my kid can do that'. So, he draws this sensual nude in order to be able to say, 'The reason I don't do that is because I don't want to, not that I can't'.

"I was trying to hang on to the style of my own work, while at the same time trying to discover a vocabulary that is strong enough to find a place within Bach's music."

The glorious result, a hit with audiences and critics alike, has opened a new door for Brown. Now she is choreographing to Webern. "After Bach comes Webern," she says with a big laugh. "I'm very inspired by and entrenched in the 12-tone row."

Next she will be staging Monteverdi's *Orfeo* in Brussels; it then tours in America and Europe (there are rumours that *Orfeo* will be seen here in the run-up to the millennium). "I don't think I could have done this any earlier," says Brown about her new relationship to music. "I build things from the base up, and the first level of creation is always intellectual understanding of the principles I'm dealing with.

"I don't get out and twirl. I'm not some baton majorette showing off. The truth of the matter is, I taught myself Baroque polyphonic composition· only to find out that's what I'd been doing all along."

● *Trisha Brown Dance Company is in Brighton (tomorrow and Saturday), Edinburgh (May 21), London (Queen Elizabeth Hall May 24-25), Newcastle (May 28-29) and Blackpool (June 3-4)*

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

Given its head, not its heart

UNLIKE many commissioned works, heard once and then forgotten, Richard Rodney Bennett's Partita for Orchestra was requested by BT and the Association of British Orchestras specifically to be played by 17 different bands over a period of nine months. The performance on Tuesday *night by the London Symphony* Orchestra under Mstislav Rostropovich was the most exuberant of the four I have heard, pointing up the gaiety of the outer movements with infectious enthusiasm.

If it was not quite the most disciplined, that set the tone for the evening, which was one in which the head was for once *dominated by the heart*. This tendency reached its extreme in Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony, a performance which for sheer virulence and gut-wrenching aggression would be hard to beat. The reckless abandon with which the finale took flight was (no doubt intentionally) terrifying rather than exhilarating, and the *stony-faced, heavily accented* coda left one in little doubt as to where Rostropovich stands on the question of its interpretation: this was "false rejoicing" with a vengeance.

LSO/Rostropovich
Barbican

Imposing as all this was, there was a price to be paid. The LSO was not at its immaculate best in ensemble, and there were some odd balances at times (the over-dominant first entry of the piano threatened to turn the work into a concerto).

But if Rostropovich's somewhat cavalier attitude to the *printed score resulted in a* reading that lived very much from moment to moment, it was undeniably one of compelling immediacy and often scorching ferocity.

By complete contrast, it was the lyrical, pastoral aspect of Britten's Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings that was to the fore in Ian Bostridge's eloquent performance (with Hugh Seenan the accomplished horn player). Bostridge is so evidently a product of the English tradition that one inevitably picks up Pears-like inflections. But his tone is more fine-grained than that of the tenor with whom the cycle is indelibly associated, and his projection more reticent, less *overtly dramatic. His diction* was good throughout, his capacity for tonal shading admirable, and the final words ("seal the hushed Casket of my Soul") delivered with a memorably veiled quality that truly set the seal on a highly personal account of the work.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Emergency stops

WHETHER by accident or design there was more than one common thread in the pieces that made up the Cambridge New Music Players' programme at the Brighton Festival on Saturday evening, *Barry Millington writes*. An exotic, loosely oriental element was evident in several of them, *while three of the composers* shared a penchant for abrupt conclusion.

Cambridge New Music Players
St Nicholas, Brighton

For Adrian Jack, the sudden ending is something of a trademark, and both movements of his enjoyably eclectic *Zigzag* (the second is a recent addition) exemplify it. The members of the ensemble, conducted by Paul Hoskins, were confident in neither blend nor tuning, and it may have been unwise to give a solo to the double bass since few players seem to be able to bring it off. However, the Klezmer playing of clarinettist Lynsey Marsh was splendidly pungent.

There was a similar passage of exuberant shrieking for the clarinet (duetting effectively with high violin) in Jonathan Powell's *Necronomic Fragments*. The title alludes to the work of H. P. Lovecraft, with its supposedly "blasphemous and potentially cataclysmic content" (*to quote the composer*), which presumably explains the bizarre, unworldly nature of the scoring.

Exotic sonorities return in Julian Grant's *Tournament of Shadows*. The piece was inspired *by an alarming personal* experience in a dark alleyway in Bukhara, and certainly fear and menace exuded from its tense textures. But Grant also evoked what he described as the "magical hypnotic charm" of the place, and here the wailing clarinet conjures the invigorating spirit of the oriental bazaar.

Most colourful of all were the sonorities of Edward Dudley Hughes's *Movements in Red*, receiving its world premiere. The rippling effects of its textures teeming with inner detail were brilliantly created, even if the outline emerged probably too crudely. Another perversely abrupt end prompted the thought that this might be a CNMP stipulation.

If the collective playing throughout left something to be desired, there was at least a decent performance by Rowland Sutherland in Denisov's Two *Pieces for solo flute, and* an eloquent one by Joseph Spooner of Sally Beamish's *Gala Water*, a set of variations on a Scottish folk song.

John Russell Taylor on the Barbican's shows of works by Derek Jarman and Eve Arnold

Moving images

There seems at *first to be no link* between the two shows which share the Barbican Art Gallery at the moment, devoted respectively to the photographer Eve Arnold and the polymath Derek Jarman. But if there is a link, it undoubtedly lies in the cinema.

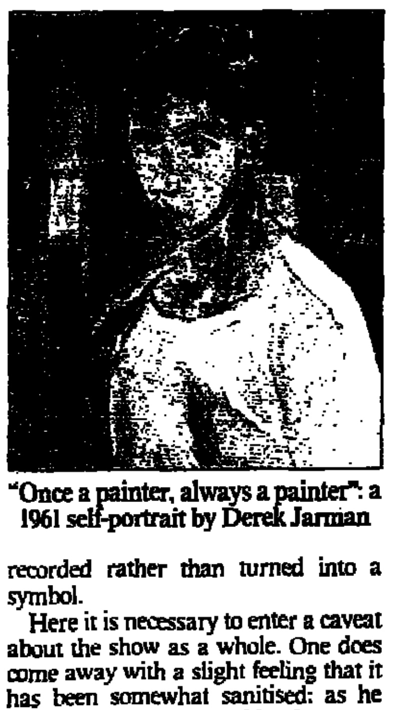
Of course, the cinematic element is obvious in Jarman's work. Among his many and varied talents, the most prominently displayed and widely known was film-making. The general impression of his career is that he began as a painter, moved on to being a designer, and through that became totally committed to making films — about a dozen features in 16 years, no mean tally when you consider that for most of that time he was debilitated by HIV/Aids.

What emerges from the show is rather different. All the feature films, plus another ten shorts, are being shown in connection with the exhibition, and their volume and weight remain impressive, even to those who have strong reservations *as to whether* Jarman ever developed a sense of cinematic rhythm, without which any film, even if handsome to look at, remains dead at the centre.

But the show does *tell us much more* than has ever been made public before about the other sides of Jarman's artistic self-expression. There is a caseful of books and miscellaneous writings, many *film-related but* several substantial entries in the bibliography about quite other matters of moment to him. More impressive, though, is the ample evidence on the walls that Jarman *was an exemplary case of* "Once a painter, always a painter". Even when painting as such seemed to be taking a back seat in his life, he went on compulsively doing it. The early paintings, dating from Jarman's period at the Slade in the early 1960s, are already distinctive, as well as being rather unexpected: placid, pastel-shaded *evocations of luxe, calme et volupte* seen through the prism of Poussin, they give little hint of the militant Jarman to come. Nor do the abstracted landscapes that came next, in which the influence of another triumphantly un-angry artist, Paul Nash, may be detected.

Rather rapidly, Jarman becomes involved in issues — pacifism, ecology and gay lib in particular — and *develops a visible desire to provoke*. But this is expressed more in the films and the writings: the paintings and mixed-media works, even the designs for the theatre and other people's films, *stand a* little apart from militancy of any kind. It seems that painting and designing remained an area apart, into which Jarman could retreat from the concerns of the world around.

Until the very last, that is. And even the pictures in the last touring exhibition (1994), in which abstract-expressionist backgrounds are daubed with gay graffiti, seem still to be more abstracted than aggressive, not finally so provocative as they are meant to be. The immediately previous small paintings connected with Jarman's garden at Dungeness are also agitated — at Dungeness, clearly, the wind's in trouble among the sparse and spiky vegetation — but the experience is recorded rather than turned into a symbol.



"Once a painter, always a painter": a 1961 self-portrait by Derek Jarman

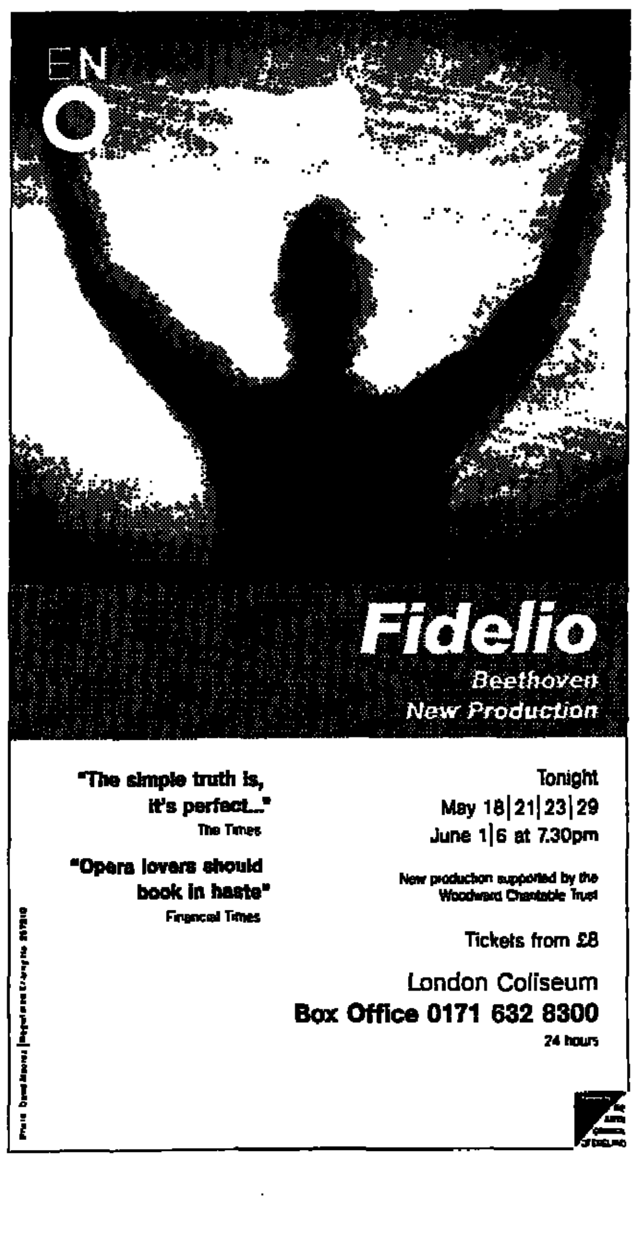
Here it is necessary to enter a caveat about the show as a whole. One does come away with a slight feeling that it has been somewhat sanitised: as he approached death, the side of Jarman which was ready to rage against the dying of the light has been reduced to a faint whimper. The total effect is more comfortable than it should be. Or perhaps Jarman's ability to withdraw from life into art was more complete than anyone realised when he was personally, abrasively present.

Eve Arnold is a very different kind of artist, but an artist nevertheless. As her exhibition makes clear, it is an accident — although an understandable one — that her best-known pictures are connected with the cinema. If a photographer is given such heaven-sent opportunities as to photograph Marilyn Monroe on her last completed film, *The Misfits*, or follow Joan Crawford through the torturous routines of the beautician's craft in order to compete with co-stars a quarter of a century younger, it is hardly surprising that people remember the results.

But there is a lot more to Arnold's work and world than that. She is, after all, a senior and distinguished member of *the Magnum agency, a photo-journalist* who tells stories through her pictures. Arnold is interested in and expressive of many different kinds of situation and public figure.

Sometimes the story may be connected with the movies. They are news as much as a famine in Africa; their icons bulk as large in our perception of life as American politicians or Asian religious leaders. But very often the subjects are as far as can be imagined from Hollywood. Arnold is hardly ever the kind of photographer who lets the artifice show through. Like Cartier-Bresson, she generally manages to make her pictures look as though they just happened through the happy accident of being in the right place at the right time. But one need only look at some of her portraits, sharp and revealing to a fault, to realise why these days the hand that works the shutter comes close to ruling the world.

● Derek Jarman: Artist, Film-Maker, Designer *and* Eve Arnold in Retrospect *are at the Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-588 4141) until August 18*



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HULTON DEUTSCH

A deceptive image of the perfect Edwardian family: Lieutenant Colonel the Hon George Keppel with his wife Alice and daughter Violet in 1909

"A *monster*, my dear," the late Harold Acton used to say in that particular lilting accentuated voice of his, mandarin head tilted to one side. He was referring, of course, to his neighbour on the Florentine hills, Violet Trefusis. The jacket photograph shows Edward VII's mistress, the Hon Mrs George Keppel, looking slightly nervously at her first-born seated in her lap, as well she might. The child, Violet, *circa* two years old, has a rapacious, clinging look, her left arm encircling her mother's neck, her right hand firmly pressed against Alice Keppel's unresisting fingers. The child's expression, fierce and demanding as she fixes her mother with her eyes, is distinctly disquieting.

Mrs Keppel's presence in the book is principally as a come-on for the reader, reminding us that as the Prince of Wales's long-standing mistress she was the prototype for her great-granddaughter, Camilla Parker Bowles. Her affair with "Bertie", as he is persistently referred to, was "untroubled by intrusion from zoom lenses, the tapping of cellular telephones or bugging devices in the chandeliers" — hardly surprising since it took place between 1898 and 1910. This is not the only tiresomely anachronistic comparison in the book: "Like Lady Thatcher some decades later, she [Alice Keppel] seemed to personify her country, rule the waves and have her way with Englishmen."

Diana Souhami's grasp of English aristocratic and court life seems uncertain. Of the happy cuckold, Alice's husband, she writes curiously: "To his credit George was an Honourable," a dubious statement. She seems not to be aware that great houses are not precisely located in towns or villages — Knowsley is not "in" Prescot, Lancashire, nor Crichel Down "in" Wimborne.

Harry Cust was the reputed father of the Duchess of Rutland's daughter, Lady Diana, not Lady de Trafford's. There is a good deal too much about "Bertie's" early life before he met Mrs Keppel — his education, his marriage, the various scandals in which he became involved, all of which have been written about over and over again and here serve only to hold up what does eventually develop into an interesting story.

That story is essentially the passionate love of Mrs Keppel's eldest daughter, Violet, for Vita Sackville West, first revealed by Vita's youngest son, Nigel Nicolson, in *Portrait of a Marriage*, based on his mother's "confession" and described in greater detail in Victoria Glendinning's biography, *Vita*.

MRS KEPPEL AND HER DAUGHTER
By Diana Souhami
HarperCollins, £18

Diana Souhami's purpose in repeating and expanding it is "to vindicate Violet in this story of adultery, royal and aristocratic families, dominant mothers and how not to conduct a lesbian relationship".

Certainly Violet, tiresome, demanding, and self-dramatising though she undoubtedly was, emerges as the victim of a predatory, sexually driven, possessive Vita who, like the young aristocrat Julian in the novel of their love, Vita's *Challenge*, coolly abandons his lover when he is tired of her. (One of Vita's lovers, Pat Dansey, acutely diagnosed the key to Vita's behaviour in her "obsession that you are a romantic young man who treats women badly".)

I found Part Two, "Portrait of a Lesbian Affair", describing the quadrangle between Violet and Vita and their respective husbands, Harold and Denys, fascinating. Only poor Denys Trefusis, a sad, gentlemanlike solider traumatised by the war and tuberculosis, emerges well out of the tale — Violet treated him with absolute cruelty.

Apart from that, the story rarely rises above farce, enhanced by two preposterous mothers, Mrs Keppel and Lady Sackville, who struggled to keep scandal at bay while bemoaning their diminishing lifestyle. Mrs Keppel turned up trumps in the end, providing financial support for Violet out of the huge funds she had amassed as Edward VII's mistress. For Violet, her mother remained her only lasting relationship; she wrote Alice letters addressing her as "Little love", signed "Your adoring Titten". "I believed in three things," she wrote. "God, France, my mother . . . "

Despite occasional absurdities and a banal style, Diana Souhami has written an entertaining book, but her advocacy of Violet, snobbish, supremely solipsistic and, in the end very boring, fails to convince. Harold Acton was right.

A new genre of custard fiction

Sean French

OF WEE SWEETIE MICE AND MEN
By Colin Bateman
HarperCollins, £14.99

AT THE bloody climax — or, rather, one of the bloody climaxes — of Colin Bateman's new novel, the narrator, Dan Starkey, tries to pretend it isn't really happening:

"It was all television. All fiction. Meant to be enjoyed by someone else. Real life was about being married and having children and going shopping and betting on the Grand National and carving the Christmas turkey and losing your keys down the back of the chair; it was about trousers that no longer fitted and toilets that wouldn't flush and songs by embarrassing relatives who thought they were Johnny Cash."

Bateman is a Northern Ireland journalist and novelist and I suspect that he is laying claim to a particular Northern Irish comic sensibility. If the transitions in *Of Wee Sweetie Mice and Men* between realistic observation and stomach-churning violence, between comedy and sentimentality and tragedy, seem abrupt, then this is not merely an echo of the culture of Scorsese and Tarantino in which the author is evidently saturated, but, more importantly, a representation of life in a Province defined by conflict.

The novel begins as a Nick Hornbyesque comedy of wry observation as Starkey mourns the wreckage of his marriage. Bateman has a good ear for dialogue and these episodes about male and female mismatching are effective, if a little familiar. The plot itself is based on a much broader satirical idea, in which an Irish boxing no-hoper manages to land a fluke fight with Mike Tyson. Starkey is hired to write a book about the event and he joins the boxer's entourage on the trip to New York.

Bateman: wry observation

THERE are a series of misadventures, comic at first (Starkey is repeatedly robbed), then more serious, when the boxer's wife is kidnapped. Starkey becomes enmeshed in the attempt to rescue her and suddenly we are in a different movie, specifically the ear-removal scene from *Reservoir Dogs* and the bloody climax of *Taxi Driver*, and all the time there are the absurdist dialogues involving a misunderstanding about "the proof of the pudding is in the eating" and a confusion between the words "ostrich" and "hostage". If Tarantino was able to charge royalties for the use of his style, he would be richer than Bill Gates.

This Belfast journalist with a gift for the sarcastic retort is suddenly blowing criminals away like Bruce Willis and then every so often we're back to the delicate love story about male vulnerability and old records from the Seventies and all that. Of course one knows the argument in justification of the book's incoherence: life is incoherent. Well, maybe, but the affectlessness that is the book's subject seems to require an equivalent slackness of attention from the reader. Take the novel's opening sentence, which is characteristic of Bateman's hyperbolic style:

"Peace had settled over the city like the skin on a rancid custard. Everybody wanted it, just not in that form. The forecast remained for rain, with widespread terrorism." Is it pedantic to point out that skin forms out of the custard and does not settle over it like snow, and that it forms while the custard is warm, not days later when it has become rancid? And what does the second sentence mean? The "it" presumably refers to the peace, but does it refer to the custard skin as well? Or does "everybody" want unrancid custard without skin? God knows, and we're only on the second line of a 330-page book.

The courage of his contrivance

Jim McCue

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Penguin, £20

The most audacious metaphor in English is probably John Donne's comparison of his soul and his mistress's to a pair of compasses. Many of the 100 runners-up are by Craig Raine. A sewage-farm like a tape-recorder; heels like parsnips; coffin-bearers like a string quartet; buttocks chewing the cud; sexual penetration like a liqueur chocolate. The question is how to relate this sergeant-major alertness to the business of living.

Raine patented his technique in 1979 with *A Martian Sends a Postcard Home*. The visitor to Earth doesn't know about phones and cars and dreams, so they are described in roundabout ways which ask what we are up to (but which rely illogically on a knowledge of television, ghosts and tickling).

Now, a series of deaths has led Raine to look aslant again at life's old friends. The first poem in his new book begins: "the turban in a tangerine/ a snooker table, say,/ with six suspensory bandages,/ the lemon squeezer/ *in the men's urinal*."

Have you ever seen things this way before? Yes, if you have read his books: turbans have served for both tight-wrapped roses and a ball of string; in a tribute to his father he admired "the way he could peel an apple with the skin in one piece". Why the otiose "men's"? And what's this disingenuous "say"? Far from being an example plucked casually from many, the snooker table is the only thing that fits the description.

"Henri Rousseau painted in pidgin, so to speak," writes Craig Raine, Surrealist poet. In *Rich* (1984), Raine imagines an usherette "by Salvador Dali/ with a drawer in her midriff". This is explaining someone else's joke; but he is a recycler by principle. All writers, he says, commending Dickens, know that images "have two possibilities. A ploughed field is like a sea of clods, or, the sea is like a ploughed field". So Raine describes a battleship's "rivets like mangetout"; then mangetout "like a battleship".

Having the courage of his contrivances, Raine aims for an equivalent to the "unbroken and candid artifice" he finds in Hopkins. But Hopkins himself, he tells us, had occasional doubts about the strains of novelty. Raine reassures himself that the poet's task is to invent a dialect, and he is accordingly fascinated by the fictitious languages invented by Orwell, Joyce, Burgess and Russell Hoban. He even points to an ancestor of his own technique, the Neanderthal tongue in *The Inheritors*, where William Golding describes paddling a canoe: "They were digging the water and the log was sidling across the river."

Artifice, dialect, language, wit — whatever it is, it is Raine's original, translated to many purposes. As well as poems, he has written one libretto, one play (sidelong Racine), and one volume of essays; he has edited a magazine, been poetry editor at Faber, and is now an Oxford don. Each role has involved turning his binoculars on imagery, like "the gorilla focusing his nostrils". Sharp images are what matter, supremely, to him, and how he polices the true and untrue.

Much less important is depth of field. He has little to say about plot, character, emotion, the capacity to sweep the reader away. Short on these, his long poem *History: The Home Movie*, published last year, is a mass of dazzling details, but without panoramas. Curiously, the Martian detachment suits one favourite subject, sex. For that surreal coupling can make us distractedly aware of incongruities.

GRANVILLE DAVIES

Raine: sharp focus

Whereas Donne's compasses run a fulfilling emotional circle, many of Raine's conceits run only out of breath. In the 24 poems of *A Martian*... 44 lines end with "..." — suspension bridges, high-wires between the solid grounds. Most sentences in *History* have no main verb.

Riches come when the metaphor doesn't just register but tells, like the image of a dying friend pouring himself whisky as a tranquilliser: "As hard in the end / as threading a needle". The emblem of self-destruction is new and poignant (does one say "Here, let me do it?") — but the difficulty of needles is proverbial. In the background stands another great conceit about the difficulty of dying well: "It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

Using words as if for the first time is hard enough; but the greatest achievement is to use them anew *and* with the snowballed moment of centuries.

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A celebration of Irish music: a traditional session on uillean pipes, bodhran and guitar

Alan Franks

LAST NIGHT'S FUN
By Ciaran Carson
Cape, £15.99

The fun in question is no less a matter of interpretation than an old and much-handled Irish tune. It might be a session of fiddling and fluting pieced together in the unreliable hours of the hangover, and it might be the joyful legacy of a far longer past. Ambiguity is only to be expected in a work so devoted to the interplay of shift and constancy in the living body of Irish traditional music.

Last Night's Fun is not merely the name of the book, but of its opening chapter as well. Like all the other chapters, it is also the name of a tune: *Hurry the Jug, The Rub of Rosin, Dowd's No 9*, and so on. Each tune is a cue for Ciaran Carson to explore a particular aspect of playing and players in a manner that is partly ordered and partly improvised, with the book itself becoming a session by analogy.

The device could have fallen dreadfully flat if the author, who is literature and traditional arts officer for the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, were not also a committed musician and hence able to report from inside the weave of the sound.

It might look like a timely celebration, what with the runaway success of Bill Whelan's *Riverdance*. However, the lot of this music, particularly in the English consciousness, has been a long cycle of neglect and rediscovery, with every so often, as in the cases of Enya and the Pogues, a partial assimilation into something of mass appeal. Then there are the odd breakthroughs by way of feature films and television commercials: there will always be purists who see these as the edgy encounters of a scholar with a tart.

Carson's study is a timely reminder of why the Irish tradition has no need of the kind of rescue operation that Steeleye Span and Fairport Convention mounted on the English folksong during the revival in the late 1960s. For all the fugitive nature of an oppressed culture, the music has been made resilient in the manner of the soundest constructions, with deep foundations beneath and considerable flexibility above. From its traffic with post-Renaissance Europe, there remains an imprint of the courtly and the classical, overlaid with an almost unchartable diversity of invention and local approach. As Ciaran Carson says, Irish traditional music probably has more practitioners now than at any time in its history.

He is at his best when he is deep into the detail of the playing. This, for example, on the problem of signalling between musicians: "Getting 'the change' is a skill; it has to be watched for, and listened for, even if the number of repeats has been determined in advance (some of the players can't count). If the repeats have not been predetermined, the players will use body language to communicate the change — eyes, shoulders, elbows, knees, feet and hands may be deployed. Hence the manic widening of the flute-player's eyes at the end of the first tune the third time round, or the shaking of her head which means you play the first tune again."

Just like the tunes and their treatment, the writing can fly off into digressions which kept making me wonder whether I would ever be returned safely to the substantive theme. Perhaps that is as it should be in a book which sets out in part to savour the sadness of spent airs, since the great certainty of this music is that the past and present are locked together in an unguessable fugue. Last night is in perpetual play.

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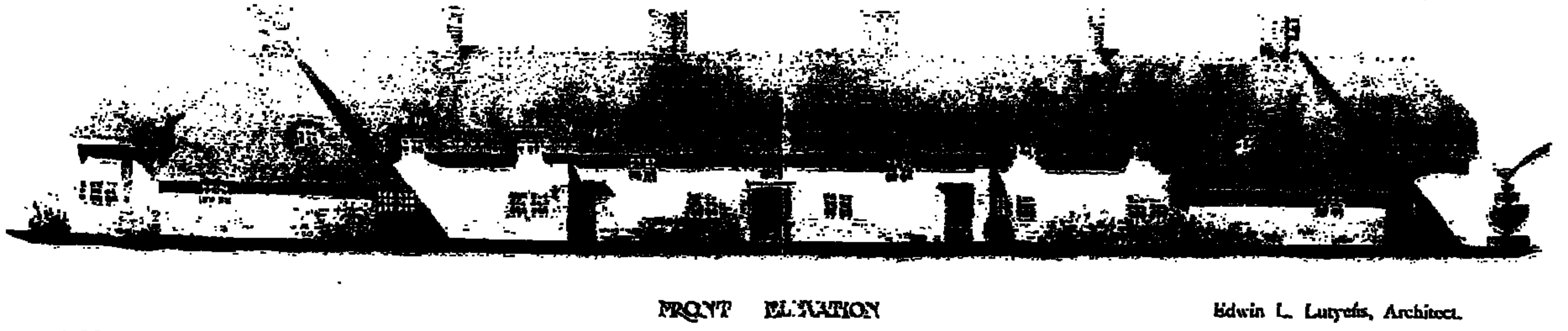

Ashby St Ledgers, Northants. Watercolour elevation by Harold Stevens of Lutyens's cottages dated 1908 for the Hon Ivor Guest, later Lord Wimborne

To build you need not only money but confidence in the future. The middle class families which came to maturity in the optimistic 1890s had both. The architect Edwin Lutyens's patrons sprang not from the old aristocratic classes, whose power had gone with the extension of the franchise and whose fortunes were diminished by the agricultural depression and taxation, but new self-made City and tradespeople, Barings, Horners, Fenwicks and Drewes. They, on the whole, were civilised and sympathetic beings, anxious, now that they had made their pile, to model themselves on an idealised ancient squirearchy and distance themselves from the source of their wealth. Such clients demanded every modern convenience in houses built for both comfort and leisure, but they also decreed that a spell of timelessness be bestowed upon them.

Lutyens, with his allegiance to Arts and Crafts principles, his worship of Olde Englande and his supreme orchestration of natural materials, be they weathered stone, timber or brick, gave them precisely what they wanted. Tudorbethan or Wrenaissance, these houses nestled in the landscape from the moment he had completed them as though they were already forever England. Even though new he was able to endow them with "the souls of a more ancient building", as was written of Gertrude Jekyll's Munstead Wood.

These were never country houses but houses in the country reflecting exactly the end of the aristocratic powerhouse. Their function was less prestige than a reflection of a new exaltation of country life and the advent of the weekend made possible by the motor car. Around such houses there was no longer an estate to engender revenue, but pleasure grounds for dalliance and sport. As these were to be the last of their kind they have remained locked within the British consciousness as an aspiration, the ultimate expression of success by the establishment classes.

Roy Strong

LUTYENS AND THE EDWARDIANS
An English Architect and his Clients
By Jane Brown
Viking, £25

Architects, like painters have to be charmers. Lutyens certainly was. Once referred to as "this singular and delightful man", he was clearly irresistible with his jackanapes sense of humour which beguiled his clients' children. But, beginning life as the tenth child of an impoverished mediocre painter, he needed, in an era which depended on social connection aligned to talent, connections who would open doors. Marriage to an earl's daughter, Lady Emily Lytton, swung open one. Gertrude Jekyll was to do the rest. Through her and her brother there followed the roll call of dream houses of the Edwardian age, Mells, Grey Walls, Great Maytham, Orchards and Great Dixter. Miss Jekyll introduced Lutyens to the editor of *Country Life*, which was to promote his work for nearly half-a-century. Through the new mass media of the illustrated magazine the upper classes were presented with a romantic idyll of a kind which has never lost its hold on their imagination.

It was even to survive the deluge of 1914 to 1918, after which Lutyens found himself designing houses no longer but tombs for those who should have inherited them. Half of his commissions after 1918 were for memorials, including the most famous, the Cenotaph. No one had either the confidence or money anymore to build and disillusion set in and, for a period, he took to the bottle. By the time that his masterpiece, Viceroy's House in Delhi, could be occupied it was only 17 years off being evacuated as British rule in India finally came to an end.

This is a beautifully written, strangely elegaic book. Jane Brown paints a gallery of patrons from those halcyon years who emerge as remarkably cohesive in their aspirations and attitudes. Architect and patron in practically every case were perfectly matched. The only one who doesn't quite fit is the wilful, engaging but utterly impossible Lady Sackville, Lutyens's mistress manque, who was forever complaining in her diary how when she eventually got the poor man into her bedroom, she didn't quite get what she wanted. His clients fortunately did.

Greater than we knew

Howard Davies on a portrait cluttered with detail

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An artist whose work expressed both his attitude to life and the spirit of his time: Edouard Manet's *Déjeuner sur L'Herbe*, in the Musée d'Orsay

At the height of the Giscard d'Estaing reign in France, the President's nocturnal excursions from the Elysée were the talk of Paris. They were never, even when he was said to have collided with a milk float on returning one morning, explicitly reported in the mainstream press. But the *Canard Enchaine* published a front page reproduction of Manet's *Déjeuner sur l'Herbe* with the simple caption "Giscard's late" emerging from the lips of the recumbent nude.

Manet was, and is, an artist whose work expresses both an attitude to life, and the spirit of his time. *Déjeuner*, *The Ball at the Opera*, *The Gare Saint-Lazare*, *The Bar at the Folies Bergeres*, all conjure up a powerful image of artistic and cultural life in mid-19th-century Paris. Manet himself, in spite of his well-known battles with the artistic establishment of the time, and his celebrated exclusion from major Salon exhibitions, lived at the centre of that world; he was no outsider.

Born in 1832, the child of a well to do Parisian bourgeois family, he led, for the most part, a comfortable existence. When funds ran low indulgent and wealthy art buyers tended to turn up. His friend Antonin Proust, when a minister in the Third Republic, secured for him a *Légion d'honneur*. And of course Manet and the other artists of the *Salon des Refusés* quickly became the mainstream, rather than the fringe. He was, too, a part of literary Paris. A friend of Baudelaire, of Zola and of Mallarmé, he saw himself as playing a role in the intellectual life of the capital.

So it is entirely reasonable to approach Manet from a cultural historical perspective, as Beth Archer Brombert does. Brombert is a jobbing biographer and translator, rather than an art critic, and not necessarily any the worse for that. *Rebel in a Frock Coat* — a book club subtitle, I presume — does not claim to be a work of artistic analysis, rather "a vivid description of the cultural history of Paris in the latter half of the 19th century".

But that is a grand claim, and one not entirely justified by the episodic material presented here. Brombert has done a workperson-like job in assembling what is known of Manet's home, social and business lives, and she tells a tale easily and well. The story of young Edouard's extraordinary trip to Brazil in 1848, on board a kind of floating classroom, is amusingly recounted, including his perceptive and pithy comment on the Rio carnival "not much fun".

Brombert also writes engagingly about Manet's fraught relationship with Berthe Morisot, who eventually married his brother Eugène, but remained infatuated with Edouard throughout her life.

Collectors of historical trivia will find a lot to please them. We learn that the rich "protector" of Méry Laurent, the hostess with whom Manet walked out in later years, was an American dentist called Thomas W. Evans. Evans's main claim to fame was that he looked after Napoleon III's teeth, which must have been a remarkably well remunerated post. But he also, we learn,

EDOUARD MANET
Rebel in a Frock Coat
By Beth Archer Brombert
Little, Brown, £20

designed the main avenue in the Bois de Boulogne. And I have to confess I was not aware that Gustave Caillebotte was the President of the Gennevilliers Yacht Club, or that "Mallarmé was another sailing buff who dashed off to his little skiff at every opportunity".

In the midst of this diverting material, Brombert occasionally finds time for some routine observations on Manet's paintings — though they are not allowed to distract us from her main subject matter. We therefore emerge with only the vaguest of notions of what the artistic argument between Manet and his friends in the salon selectors was about. She has no message for the world about Manet's contemporary significance, or his artistic legacy. Indeed she has no message at all — no case to prove, no argument.

More importantly, nowhere does Brombert convey any sense of the excitement of Manet's vision, or of the sheer beauty of his canvasses. He is presented as a society figure, with an occasionally remunerative hobby; his pictures serve simply as exhibits, artefacts, the raw material of cultural history. At one point she describes his visual images as "the Esperanto of imagination", a dispiriting metaphor.

There are, fortunately, 67 good quality plates, albeit in black and white. Only they give any clue as to why we might still agree with Degas' judgment at Manet's funeral: "*Il etait plus grand que nous le croyions*".

The author is Deputy Governor of The Bank of England.

Captains and King's

When Sub-Lieutenant Kermode joined the Royal Navy in 1940, becoming at a stroke Captain's secretary and dogsbody, sailors stepped up smartly to a table to receive their weekly pay in their caps. Any rating who had been fined, or "mulcted" as the Navy had it, for various offences, might well receive no pay at all, the paying clerk shouting in stentorian tones "Not Entitled". This the sailors referred to as a "Noreaster", which might at different places and seasons arrive in the form of no pay, no leave, or no future, ie, death.

The humour of this delightful and engrossing memoir plays round the concepts of titlement and non-entitlement, the author taking a proper and sardonic satisfaction in the title the Queen has bestowed on him, but feeling it safer to remain for personal and literary purposes in a state of non-entitlement.

John Bayley

NOT ENTITLED
A Memoir
By Frank Kermode
HarperCollins, £18

When Sir Frank was Sub-Lieutenant Kermode he was the only man in a broken-down tramp steamer conscripted into naval service who could both understand and respond in kind to the rolling archaic ritual of Admiralty Orders, could fathom Kings Regulations up to a point, and even catch a glimmer of sense in the bizarre system of naval accounting. Thus the clerkmanship which has carried him to the heights of the King Edward Professorship of English Literature at Cambridge, and the Charles Eliot Norton ditto at Harvard, found an early niche and use in the world of warship procedure. Chaucer and Shakespeare would have approved.

And it is Shakespeare who suggested a title for the most vivid section of the book. Towards the close of the play, and of his fortunes, Antony calls "all my sad captains" round him to have one more gaudy night. "My mad captains" were to haunt the young Kermode for most of his wartime service.

The first, who had been a midshipman at Zeebrugge and won a DSO at Dunkirk, was a hero with no more heroic role to play. Condemned to the command of an all but meaningless vessel, he lasted for only the briefest period. Soaked in pink gin, he arrived late at the funeral of a junior officer who had died of drink, and assured the widow "My dear, he can't really be dead you know. If he were I should have been officially informed". Summoned back to London after the first leg of an Iceland trip, he shot himself. So he got his Noreaster.

Two equally amazing characters succeeded him. Captain Henty filled his spacious cabin with mountains of black-market goods, contriving somehow to dispose of them later under the noses of Customs.

The third captain was merely and meanly mad, refusing out of jealousy to allow the officers from a U Class submarine — the real heroes of the war in the Mediterranean — to attend his ship's party. It was his own protest on this occasion that led to young Kermode being quietly got out of the way and sent to — of all places — New York.

After such colourful times and experiences one might think that the quieter academic life which followed would be anti-climactic for the memoirist, but not a bit of it. Kermode's war was waged in the shadow of apparent and utter futility; while someone, somehow, was winning it elsewhere. Since then he has been in the forefront of the battle in every sense, an academic battle in which he has won any number of medals.

After Liverpool and London Universities he was appointed to the prestigious Regius Professorship at King's College, Cambridge, a job about which his early misgivings turned out to be more than justified. Cambridge is usually thought to be a more go-ahead place than its sister university of Oxford, but the Cambridge School of English has always been mysteriously backward and arcane, a status confirmed rather than diminished by a fiery but reactionary eccentric like the great Dr Leavis.

Kermode found that he was manoeuvred into responsibility without being given power of any sort. When one of its many feuds rent the faculty over the appointment of a flamboyant young post-structuralist, he sought to strike a blow for freedom, truth and justice, but in vain. He resigned instead, and has since led a studious life in distinguished retirement, composing admirable books as he once composed replies to Admiralty letters, "for as long as I am entitled to be".

The supreme danger to a rigid society

Joanna Pitman

THE CULT AT THE END OF THE WORLD
By David Kaplan and Andrew Marshall
Hutchinson, £16.99

THIS IS a book that governments, intelligence and police agencies and social workers all over the world should read. The facts of Aum Supreme Truth, the self-styled "religious sect" responsible for the Tokyo subway gas attack last March and the planned murder of tens of thousands more, are shocking — I can use no other word. The initial incompetence and later reluctance of the Japanese authorities to take action is equally so. But perhaps more than anything else, this book is an indictment of the rigidity of Japanese society, its inability to make small adjustments and its failure to prevent or recognise a fanatical cult openly intent on mass destruction.

Andrew Marshall and David Kaplan tell the story of the evolution of cult leader Shoko Asahara from a partially blinded schoolboy bully, born into an underprivileged family in an isolated Japanese village, into the religious guru leader of tens of thousands and then mastermind of very real plans to carry out mass murder and make himself supreme ruler of an expanding world empire.

In some ways the Tokyo gas attack which killed 12 and injured almost 6,000 was the least of it. Asahara's sect was initially based on Buddhism, but its rapid growth into a powerful social force with a following of 40,000, assets of US$1 billion and plans to kill millions, was achieved by ruthless design. Vulnerable elements of society were targeted — lonely housewives, workers in marginal occupations, brilliant young men and women isolated by their talents, all those millions who crave intensive group involvement and who need something to fill the spiritual vacuum that is believed to be the legacy of Japan's breakneck modernisations.

Once lured into the sect they were deliberately isolated from normal society, broken down by malnutrition, lack of sleep and the requirement to wear "electrode caps" which sent a constant electric current to the brain and was said to quicken the believer's step on the road to salvation. The wealthy were targeted too — every follower was forced to sign all their assets to the sect.

Running parallel with an apparently unstoppable growth in followers and assets was the vile metamorphosis of Asahara's own ambitions. Beginning as religious guru, he found that the Japanese Confucian tradition of devout loyalty to a single leader (which hinges on an underdeveloped sense of the individual) gave him unexpected powers. From a dealer in social succour who captured the hearts, minds and wallets of thousands, he tried and failed in politics and then became a murderous fanatic intent on amassing powers of mass destruction.

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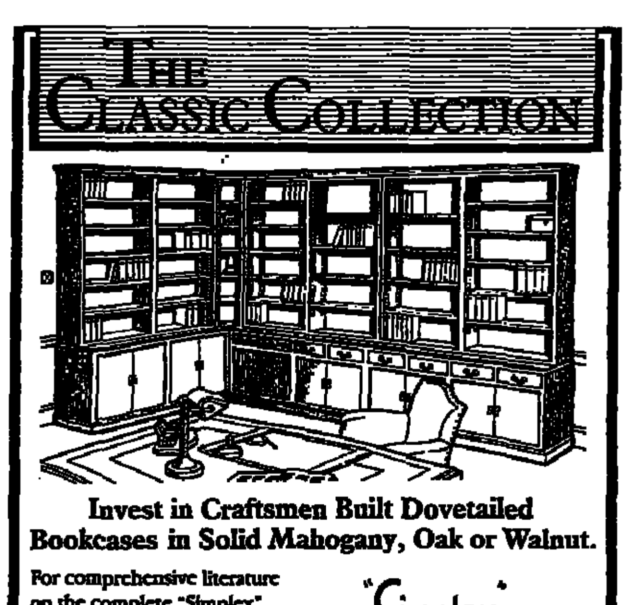
May 16, 1995: a member of the Aum sect is arrested in a raid

Using the brilliant young scientific brains at his disposal and a huge weapons development complex hidden inside his cult headquarters, he built a vast and sophisticated arsenal of biochemical and conventional arms including mustard gas, anthrax, botulism, TNT, the ebola virus and sarin gas. He mass produced AK47s, he experimented with lasers, he bought missile launchers and planned to build a nuclear warhead.

In 1989 he ordered the murder of a lawyer and his family, working on behalf of parents to free young Japanese followers. He then started torturing and murdering believers attempting to escape. He attempted and failed to blanket central Tokyo with a deadly nerve gas in 1990 and 1993. And time and time again the police, faced with a multitude of clues, refused to take action fearing charges of religious persecution and legal confrontations with the sect's aggressive judicial department.

Religious terrorist groups can infiltrate and operate in any society, but the Japan of today seems to provide particularly fertile conditions. Aum emerged and thrived in a society that is in a state of painful transition, that is unsure of itself, a society which for 50 years has been intently trained on a goal of commercial success and material accumulation and now appears to be losing its momentum. It is a society that can no longer count on being sheltered behind its anomolous international position, that is still inhibited by its history and is ever more encumbered by a political system designed to other ends than to offer clear leadership. The lessons of Aum should be heeded all over the world.



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Dearing delves into the future

The summer of 1997 will see the most important report into higher education for more than 30 years, says **Peter Scott**

This week, the biggest review of higher education for more than 30 years finally gets under way. Its conclusions could bring important changes in universities by the time this year's applicants graduate.

Sir Ron Dearing's committee and its final terms of reference were announced five weeks after the promised deadline but he and his colleagues have been asked to report in record time by next summer — not long to produce a work to rival the magisterial Robbins report of 1963 and set the scene for the development of higher education into the next century.

The delay is worrying because for the politicians, Labour as well as Conservative, the major advantage of the Dearing review is that it puts awkward issues on ice until after the election. The vice-chancellors, having screwed their courage up in February and threatened to impose a £300 emergency levy on all students next year, have been left to cool their heels.

Already things are changing on the ground as universities juggle their budgets to cope with last November's cuts. Every day options are being considered, and accepted or rejected, that may preempt important parts of next summer's report.

The new committee faces three key issues — the size, shape and cost of higher education. So far most attention has been focused on cost. Sir Ron is meant to get the Government (and Labour) off the hook by finding a politically acceptable way of charging students for their higher education.

The other two issues are equally important. After rapid expansion between 1986 and 1992, higher education is now in a period of "consolidation". Full-time undergraduate numbers are capped. Once envisaged as a temporary pause for breath, consolidation has now been extended to the end of the century. It looks as though universities and colleges are moving into steady-state.

The Dearing committee has to decide whether to accept that for the medium term growth is over, or to pick up the expansion banner. It is not an easy decision. The case for growth is strong. Barring a road-to-Damascus reversal of the Government's line on budget cuts or the invention of a radical funding system that secures private money on a large scale, the only strategy is for universities to grow out of their present cash crisis. The Confederation of British Industry argues that participation should be pushed up from the present 32 per cent to 40 per cent. Others suggest even more ambitious targets. Student demand is slack, however. Even without tuition charges, the cost of higher education seems to be putting off the marginally motivated and the less well-off.

> 'In future more students may start in local colleges'

The second issue — shape — is also tricky. Part of the Dearing agenda, at least as far as the Department for Education and Employment is concerned, is the need to reassert some control over a dangerously volatile higher education system now that the old distinction between universities and polytechnics has been abandoned. There are plenty of people in the elite universities willing to show the DEE, and Dearing, the way forward by proposing a universities' premier division.

That is an offer Dearing will almost certainly refuse. Instead the review may focus more attention on the opposite end of the system, and in particular on links between further and higher education. Already one higher education student in ten is studying in FE colleges, and "strategic alliances" between universities and colleges are proliferating. Colleges, without elaborate research missions, are also potentially cheap providers of entry-level higher education.

In the future more and more students may start their higher education in local colleges, as they do in America. They may also start out on vocational courses rather than degrees. This would also help to solve the expansion dilemma. Consolidation could be prolonged almost indefinitely while growth took place all around it — in FE colleges, in what the Americans call the corporate classroom and on virtual campuses.

On the third issue Dearing cannot wave a magic wand that overnight will set the universities fiscally free and leave their students everywhere in chains to the banks or the Student Loans Company.

Even if the committee recommends the gradual and partial adoption of an Australian-style scheme, under which students take out loans to pay their fees, the universities' financial condition will not be suddenly transformed. For students it will simply mean an addition to the present levels of debt.

None of this will wait on Dearing. Universities are already adjusting their business plans on the assumption that consolidation stays, and are seeking alternative avenues for growth, especially overseas. Only the most optimistic universities expect to be saved by privatised funding.

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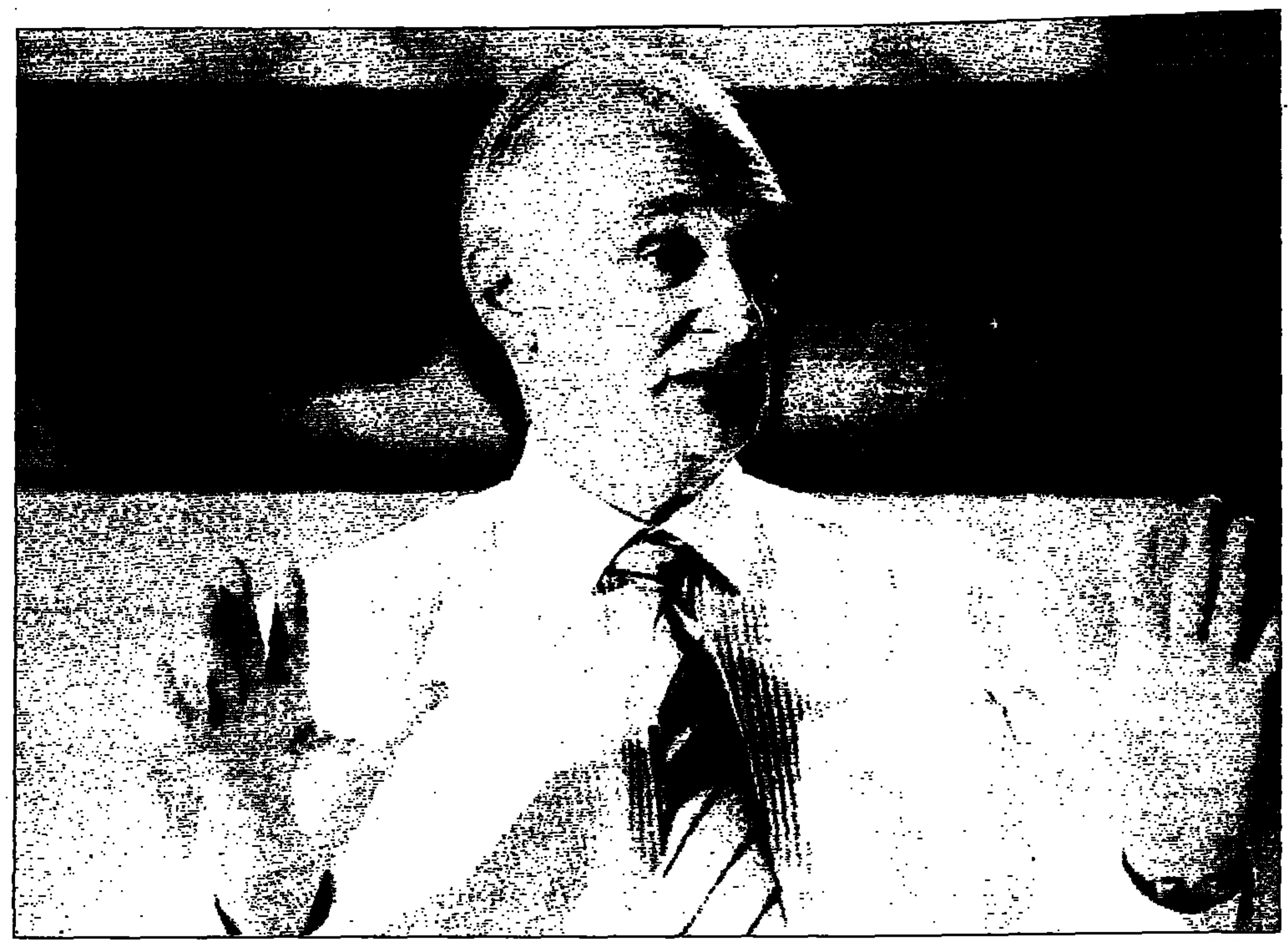


Sir Ron Dearing's committee has been tasked with examining and proposing the size, shape and cost of higher education in Britain

NEW DIRECTIONS

What the Labour Party wants

WHATEVER the outcome of Sir Ron Dearing's deliberations, Labour is planning to shift the direction of higher education if it wins the next election.

Structural issues will await the inquiry's report, but David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, has already signalled changes that a Labour government would favour. The one most likely to affect next year's applicants is a proposal to introduce a vocational element into all degree courses.

The scheme is a development of the Government's Enterprise in Higher Education programme, which was launched in 1988 and comes to an end next year. Selected institutions are given £200,000 a year to adapt courses to include better preparation for working life.

In a recent lecture at Manchester Business School Mr Blunkett proposed extending the concept to all courses. An extra module could be added relating to the development of innovation, enterprise and the world of work.

Mr Blunkett said: "Students should think about how they can contribute to developing the world of work. This means understanding global economy, the potential for enterprise and innovation in their areas of study and the possibilities for job creation."

The plan will be part of Labour's evidence to the Dearing inquiry, which will also make it clear that an incoming government would want to resume the expansion of higher education and reform the funding system to make this possible. The party wants student loans to be repaid over a longer period so that graduates can afford to make a greater contribution to the growing cost of the system. At the same time, state support would be extended to a wider range of courses.

JOHN O'LEARY

Merging higher with further education would attract those from non-traditional educational backgrounds. **Simon Midgley** reports

Learn to read — then go for a master's

Students of the near future may find themselves studying in mega universities teaching everything from basic skills to postgraduate courses.

The former polytechnics in particular are aware that there are no more admissions to be squeezed from their traditional pool of 18 to 19-year-old, qualified A-level students from social classes A and B.

With an eye to the older age groups and lower socio-economic groups, a number of new universities can be found talking to neighbouring further education colleges about the possibility of merging or collaborating.

Further education colleges make an effort to make themselves as accessible as possible to their mature students. A study for Leeds University's Centre for Policy Studies in Education found colleges making childcare arrangements for students who were divorced or from single-parent families.

By linking with the further education colleges, universities gain easier access to these types of student and can make the transition to higher education a less intimidating prospect.

One example of this process is taking place in Derbyshire, where Derby University is working with five further-education colleges to create a single system of post-school education, opening up access to further and higher education for many more of the region's 700,000 adults. Groups currently underrepresented in higher education, such as the unemployed and single mothers, would be attracted by the offer of a progression through the system provided they acquire the necessary preparatory qualifications.

Professor Roger Waterhouse, the Derby University Vice-Chancellor, wants to reach the former mining villages in the east of the county, where levels of unemployment and social deprivation are high, and the isolated farming communities in the west.

At the moment, he says, all the region's higher educational opportunities are locked up in the university in urban Derby. The idea would be to take educational packages to both groups at a price that they can afford via computer terminals and through local study centres provided by the further education colleges.

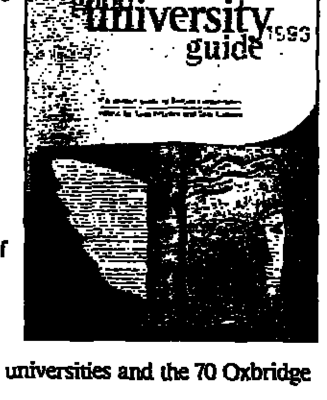
Further north, Leeds Metropolitan University has entered into a "strategic alliance" with Airedale and Wharfedale Further Education College, which could result in a merger. The aim here is to develop higher educational opportunities for mature students and those 18 to 19-year-old students who do not normally consider university education.

Lesley Wagner, the university's vice chancellor, wants to make it easier for local students from non-traditional educational backgrounds to move through the post-school educational system knowing that the opportunity for a university education will be available to them without leaving home.

Meanwhile, in Birmingham, Britain's first American-style city community university for local people could be created by the proposed merger of the University of Central England with East Birmingham College. The proposed institution was inspired by American models such as the Chicago University college system, which is linked with a number of local two and four-year community colleges.

The new merged institution would initially serve the needs of the people of deprived east Birmingham but, if joined by other colleges, could become a city-wide university. This vision could lead to a city-wide university with 100,000 student enrolments by the year 2000, offering a seamless web of basic, further and higher educational opportunities to local people.

Tony Henry, the principal of East Birmingham College, envisages a progression whereby one could move from learning to read and write via other qualifications to studying eventually for a master's degree in the same college. "I don't think one is better than the other really."



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Degrees of learning while living at home

Young students are choosing the Open University, says **David Charter**

Rachel Waterfield found earning money was habit-forming during her year off between school and university. She still wanted a degree to help to fulfil her long-term ambition to become a teacher, so she decided to join the growing number of young students spending their undergraduate years with the Open University.

The OU, initially established for adult learners who had missed the chance to go to university in their teens, allows students to work at their own pace using home study materials and its television programmes. The courses are backed up by frequent regional tutorials and students are supported by a tutor who is at the end of the telephone.

There was a 20 per cent rise in the number of under-25s joining the OU last year alone, an expansion which reflects a trend for young students to stay at home for their degree.

Rachel, 19, of Wisbech in Cambridgeshire, said: "I would rather work at the same time as I am doing my degree. I sometimes wonder whether it would be easier if I was studying all the time because it is hard to sit down and work in the evenings. But the good points are being able to study when you want to.

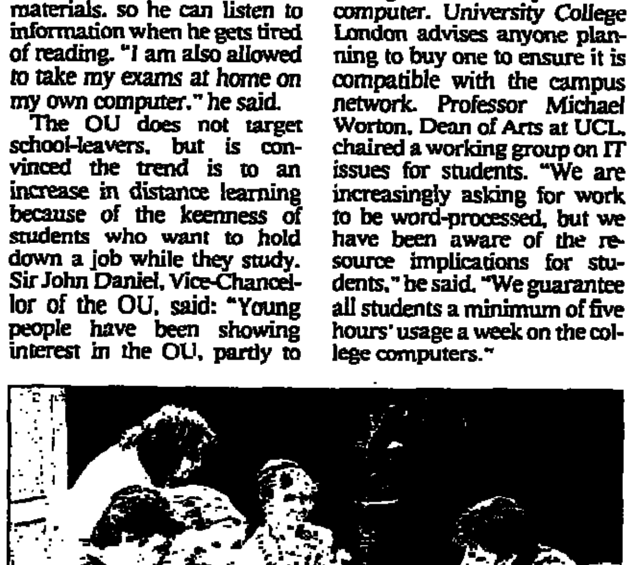
"I thought I would be unusual when I started and everyone would be a lot older, but some of the people on my course are in their twenties."

Will Deane, from Plymouth in Devon, was also 18 when he signed up for an OU degree so he could stay at home. "I joined partly because I am dyslexic and felt the OU was going to suit my learning needs better than a standard university, and partly because of the cost. I also thought I would come out with a better degree," he said. The OU supplied him with audio cassettes as well as printed course materials, so he can listen to information when he gets tired of reading. "I am also allowed to take my exams at home on my own computer," he said.

The OU does not target school-leavers, but is convinced the trend is to an increase in distance learning because of the keenness of students who want to hold down a job while they study. Sir John Daniel, Vice-Chancellor of the OU, said: "Young people have been showing interest in the OU, partly to avoid student debt and partly because they want to establish themselves in the job market while they are still studying."

The Higher Education Statistics Agency has already noticed a trend for students to remain much closer to home when embarking on a degree course. Half of Britain's freshers opted for a local university last autumn and an estimated one in five is living at home.

Many students will be wondering whether they need a computer. University College London advises anyone planning to buy one to ensure it is compatible with the campus network. Professor Michael Worton, Dean of Arts at UCL, chaired a working group on IT issues for students. "We are increasingly asking for work to be word-processed, but we have been aware of the resource implications for students," he said. "We guarantee all students a minimum of five hours' usage a week on the college computers."



A Doll's House is filmed for the OU's literature course

Towns are finding ways to establish universities

Campus creation ahead

Tomorrow sees the launch of a new university, an increasingly common event. As more students choose to live at home and businesses look for higher education support when they consider relocation, a campus is becoming a must for a thriving town or city.

The Government now prevents institutions gaining promotion to university status, but it is still possible to acquire a degree base by linking with an existing university. Milton Keynes and Bedford both feature outposts of De Montfort University, Telford hosts the Shropshire campus of Wolverhampton University, and even the Scottish Highlands and Islands are seeking a university of their own.

Tomorrow's addition to the list will be Peterborough, where the Training and Enterprise Council has gone into partnership with an unnamed Midlands university to offer higher education from next September. The new institution will be a university college, catering initially for 200 students but building up to an anticipated 11,000 by 2001.

By the time the college is fully operational and ready to become a university in its own right, the region is expected to benefit by £100 million a year and 2,000 extra jobs. Michael Holland, who is organising the launch, says: "Unless there is a top university in Peterborough, we are going to see our young people drifting away and may not be able to attract them back later. On top of that, we find increasingly that companies expect a university on their doorstep."

There are no plans for a green-field campus; the college will begin life in vacant office accommodation in the city centre, offering courses in technology and management. The only new building will be a library and resources centre, although the medium-term plans are still flexible.

Among Peterborough's competitors for students in September will be a new university campus in Lincoln, which has been on the drawing board for several years. Nottingham Trent University won the initial contract to bring higher education to the city, but the Government's freeze on new enrolments prevented it from progressing.

A year ago, the mantle passed to Humberside University, which was looking for a new campus after running into accommodation problems in Hull and Grimsby. Rather than create a misleadingly named outpost, the institution has changed its name to Lincolnshire and Humberside University and is constructing a £32 million campus.

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Work in progress for new recruits

Employment prospects for graduates from the younger universities are starting to improve, reports **Hugh Thompson**

First the bad news for those who are graduating from the new universities. Their unemployment rate is 11.8 per cent compared to degree holders from older universities who have an unemployment rate of 7.7 per cent. However, the good news is that the rate of employment for those from the new universities is increasing at double the rate of the old.

Although the improving economy and the better prospects for all graduates have something to do with this, there has also been something of a sea change among employers. A growing number are realising that more universities producing more graduates do not mean a lowering in quality but rather a very different graduate recruitment market place that can offer far more choice.

Trevor Morris is managing director of the Quentin Bell Organisation, one of the largest public relations companies. "I do have a prejudice which I have had to overcome," he says.

"Anyone who has been to an established university must feel the same. I'm afraid that there is a traditional prejudice against vocational qualifications. But for me, for instance, a degree in marketing from Kingston is something I've grown really to respect. It's a question of getting the experience and knowledge about what these new universities are offering. We are going through a transition in terms of qualifications and institutions."

Marks & Spencer, one of Britain's most respected companies, points out that 2 per cent of its top graduate suppliers are new universities. The company feels some of the teaching methods and skills being taught at the former polytechnics are more appropriate to the workplace.

Kate Orebi Gann, a recruitment manager, says: "It does take more effort to keep well informed about what these new universities are doing, but we find recruiting from the widest base is best for our company."

Other leading recruiters feel there is a problem in knowing what certain courses really involve; there are also the pressures from the sheer numbers of applicants for the most desirable graduate posts. For a quick and easy cull of applications, it is easy just to blank out those with bad A levels and those who have been to less established universities.

Traditionally, employers have complained about lack of interpersonal and team skills in graduates. Many of the new universities have worked hard on breaking down the barriers between the world of undergraduates and the world of real work. Most employers are looking for something more than just academic achievement, and the "other interests" column is considered important by employers who are looking for confidence and entrepreneurial ability.

'There is a prejudice against vocational degrees'

However, the old order does not just disappear. There are few places where the competition for graduate traineeships is more intense than in the big City law firms. Macfarlanes has about 3,000 applications for its 20 graduate places each year. Although its recruiters may visit only the older universities in recent years, this has been balanced by having open days at its Holborn offices in London for law students from various new universities.

BMP, one of the largest advertising agencies, gets about 3,000 applicants for its five graduate traineeships every year. Most are recruited from Oxbridge. Peter Clay, head of accountant management, says: "We are looking for presentation skills, personality and academic ability. We look at anyone, but in the end not only are the Oxbridge people brighter, their experience tends to make them more interesting and mature."

Last year, chartered accountancy firms recruited 3,800 graduates. Fewer than 10 per cent came from the new universities. Evidence in the profession is that those without good A levels and achieving a less than 2:1 degree find it difficult to handle the accountancy exams — which have notoriously high failure rates.

Ian Du Pre, national recruiting partner at Coopers & Lybrand, says: "It's not a snobbish prejudice, these exams are difficult even for the most academically inclined." In fact, 60 per cent of the intake comes from 12 universities.

Some companies have different criteria. Midland Bank insists that to make out that graduates from Oxford and Cambridge are the best in all subjects is nonsense. And it is also true that reputations change. Turning so many further educational institutions into universities has helped to blur, if not obliterate, the differences.

Mike Killingly, senior manager executive training with the Midland Bank, says: "What we are interested in is good people. The quality of their degree is more important than their A levels or where they studied."

JUSTIN SLEE

Students at Huddersfield University: more graduates should mean more choice for employers

THE PATH TO A CAREER

Why subject matters

Careers advisers always stress that most graduate jobs are open to students from any discipline. Personal qualities and academic achievement are far more important than the choice of subject, *John O'Leary writes.*

Nevertheless, some subjects do have a better record than others in the employment stakes, just as some universities regularly do better than others. Predictably enough, science subjects tend to be a marginally better bet than arts.

The figures are not as straightforward as they seem because some subjects lend themselves to further study or training and some highly vocational courses do generally lead to jobs. More than half of all law graduates go on to further study, for instance, because they cannot practise as barristers or solicitors with a degree alone. Similarly, there is very little unemployment among graduates of medical schools, which tie their intakes to the expected demand for doctors.

In 1994, the last year for which figures have been published, the unemployment rate in most subjects six months after graduation was close to the 9.7 per cent national average. But there were a few striking exceptions.

Among the 19 subjects surveyed by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services in *What do graduates do?*, law had by far the lowest unemployment rate, at 4 per cent, followed by education, at 6.1 per cent.

The highest unemployment was in art and design, where 15 per cent of graduates were unemployed by the turn of the year, followed by sociology and social studies, where the rate was 13.4 per cent. Economics also had a relatively high rate, at 12.4 per cent.

Careers advisers say that in subjects such as art and design, graduates expect to have a series of short-term posts before finding suitable long-term employment. This is true of most subjects where a high proportion of graduates limit their horizons to a particular field of work.

In the traditional universities alone, only medical subjects and education had a better record than business studies for the percentage going straight into permanent employment. Science subjects and engineering clearly outstripped the arts, with the exceptions of biology and physics, where only a third of graduates went straight into jobs.

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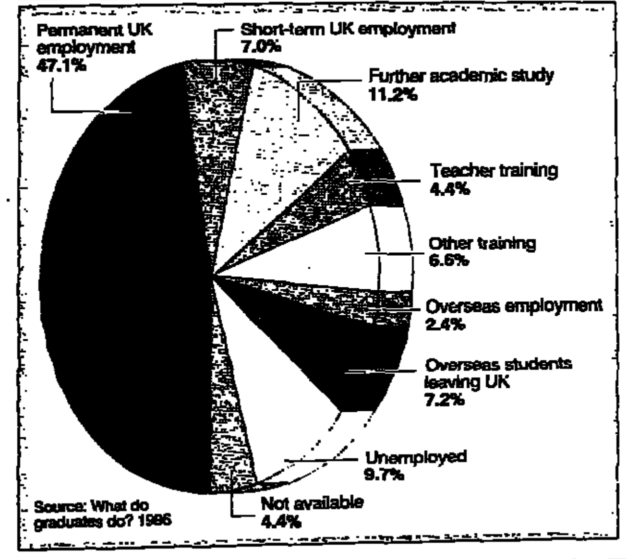

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EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

Time for a job?

Students are well aware that a degree is no longer a passport to a job, let alone a career, *David Charter and Chris Hadley write.* Research published this week found that barely more than a quarter of finalists at 24 leading universities expected to start work within six months of leaving.

However, research by Student Marketing suggests that that is pessimistic. Within six months of graduation, more than half will have started some kind of work and nearly half will have been on a well-deserved holiday.

Even the most radical students rejoin the middle classes that most of them came from. Thirteen per cent enter retailing, although a number of these will be in temporary jobs. Eight per cent are in computing; 7 per cent — temporarily again — in catering; 6 per cent in marketing or PR and 6 per cent become engineers.

The chances are that these jobs might not be what students had in mind at university. History of art degrees were not meant to land them a job at Marks & Spencer. The vast majority are keeping half an eye out for their next move. Nine per cent said their employment was temporary, while 46 per cent were kept busy for more than 30 hours a week.

Debt is a burden that affects 71 per cent of graduates and often dictates initial career moves. Thirty-three per cent have to move back in with their parents.

Some graduates cannot get enough of stuffy libraries. Thirty per cent go on to postgraduate degrees, although 10 per cent choose postgraduate studies because they can't find a job, and 11 per cent admit they are putting off the inevitable search for work.

The most modest expectations for earnings were in Liverpool and Belfast, where students expected to start on £11,000-£12,000. Students at Oxford and Cambridge, however, were more hopeful. They expected to start on £16,000 and be earning £29,000 after five years. One in ten predicted salaries of £50,000 or more for themselves after five years.

Sky-high salaries for fresh graduates are only really possible for successful City bankers, Martin Birchall, of High Fliers Research and the director of this week's survey, says.

The organisation that the 10,000 students surveyed would most like to work for was the BBC, followed by British Airways. Self-employment was the third most desired aim, then the United Nations, Marks & Spencer, IBM, Procter & Gamble, the NHS, the Civil Service and the European Union.

Mr Birchall says the most successful graduates were those with experience in their chosen field.

However, many students are relaxed about making career moves: "Half the university population do not do anything until their final year." And one in six takes up to a year off after graduating. "Many are saying they are destined to go into careers which may last 40 years," Mr Birchall says, "so they do not have to start straight away."

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Jones takes Neath forward in the old-fashioned way

Gerald Davies pays tribute to a coach who dared to go back to the future

RAIN or shine, Darryl Jones, the Neath coach who saw his side clinch the Heineken League title by the narrowest of margins on Tuesday, is never without a distinctive form of headgear when watching his team play. This may not appear worthy of comment in these days when so much is changing in rugby union, but its significance is the fact that he eschews the baseball cap so fondly regarded by many of his counterparts.

Adopting this quintessential American accessory is somehow meant to show them to be fashionable, up-to-the-minute and professional. It declares: "I am not one of the blazer, brogues and cavalry twill brigade," and no coach dare be without one.

Jones, however, is different. He sports a dapper little golfing number; plain, with no sponsor's logo. What his sartorial statement suggests is that the wearer is no copycat, a man with his own ideas. It may also be thought old-fashioned but Jones would not regard that as a slight. Imitating others and pursuing modern trends has not exactly advanced Welsh rugby that much. What about the old virtues?

"For too long in Wales we have been too ready to follow other countries instead of developing our own natural game," Jones, whose day-job is divisional manager of sports science at Neath Tertiary College, said. "We are, after all, a different breed, physically and temperamentally. I've always believed in the open game where the ball is played in the hands of 15 players. We need to play faster."

These ideas have swiftly transformed Neath from a club stuttering after its success at the end of the Eighties to one that is not only gathering its own momentum but setting the pace for other clubs to follow. At their best this season, and they have rarely strayed from the highest standards, Neath have played an exciting, vibrant game. The speed of the ball, rather than constant physical attrition, has been the salient factor upon which their game has been formed.

"We've surprised a lot of people, not least ourselves," he said. "We've come a long way very quickly but there's a long way still to go. Other clubs are aware of our reputation and the pressure has been on us of late, but we must learn to take that in our stride."

His is the most talked-about team of the year, having managed to combine those two characteristics that far too many believe are mutually exclusive: winning rugby and entertainment. They scored 121 tries in 22 league matches, four times as many as in the previous season and, crucially, two more than Cardiff, with whom they finished level on points.

Jones, a Neath man to his bones, knows the club has seen successful times before. "The town knows the club plays exciting rugby. The people expect it to be that way and will not want anything less," he said. He was educated at the town grammar school, a hotbed of sporting and academic achievement, and returned there in a teaching capacity after it became the Tertiary College.

Jones: European quest

It serves as a nursery to the club, 11 of the championship squad having been under Jones's guidance there and consequently familiar with his style.

"It was a matter of getting the others in the squad to be comfortable with it," he said. "It is not easy to convince people to change to a different way of playing. But we were fortunate early on when we beat Fiji at their own game.

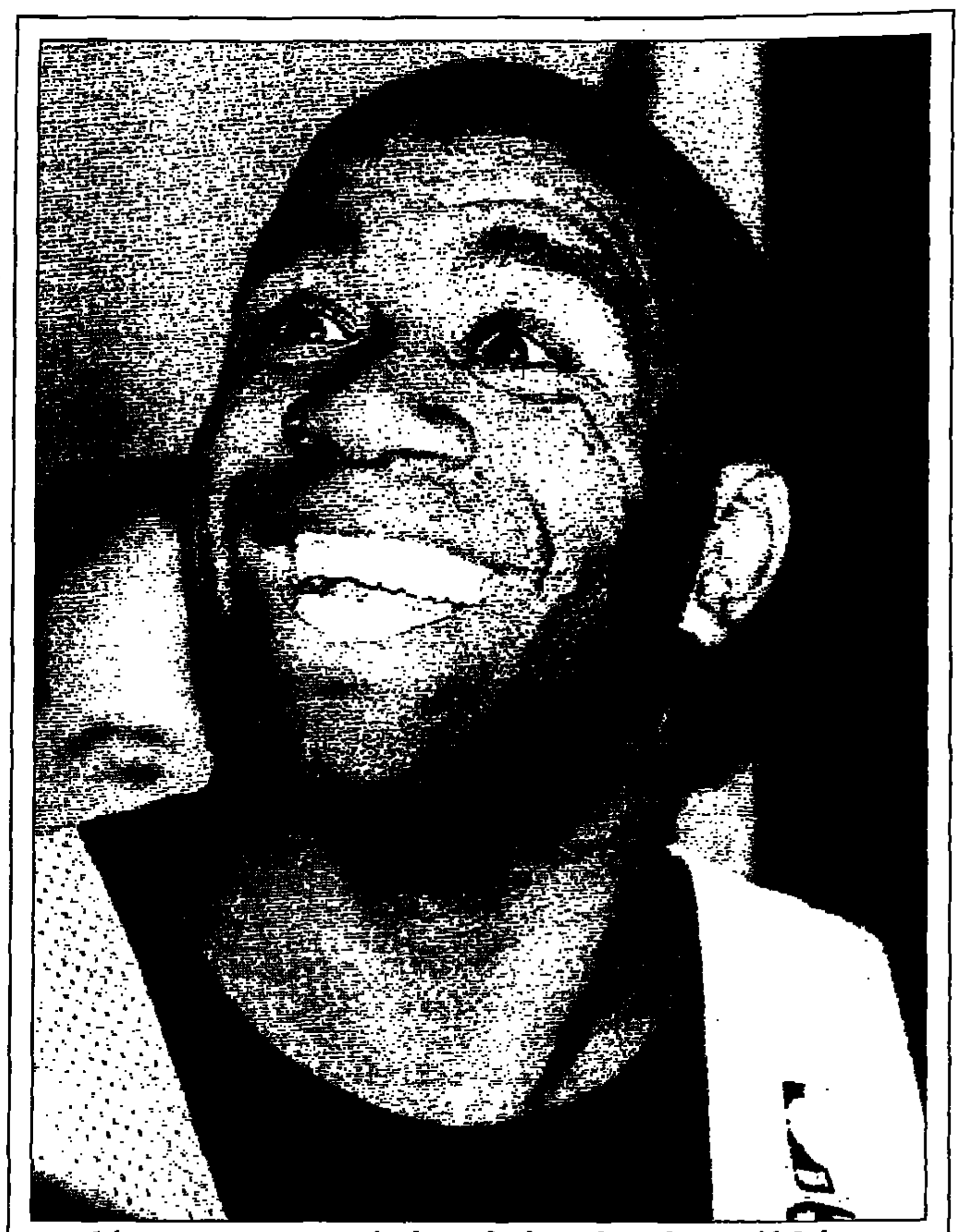
"That was the moment when the players themselves were convinced. We do not throw the ball around willy-nilly. We play it wide one moment, close the next. Time for the threequarters to run, time for the Llewellyn brothers at lock or John Davies, the prop, and the rest to have a go."

It is fair to say, even at this early stage of their progress, that no side in these islands passes the ball with the finger-tipping talent of the Neath back division.

The team had the reputation of playing a fast game during the five-year period from 1987 when they dominated Welsh rugby. In those pre-Heineken days they won the championship three times and the cup twice, but there was much about their rugby then that was of the headless chicken variety. Their rugby now, though as quick, is more composed and clear-headed and thus more appealing to a wider audience.

Gone, too, is the threatening and intimidatory mood that had been attached to them. They did not always go out of their way to curry favour.

The championship now belongs to them; the cup, too, was nearly theirs. Jones's style has clearly made a point in Wales. What he savours now is the chance to do so in European competition. That is where he hopes Neath will come of age.


Johnson to concentrate on business after becoming unhappy with Lakers

Johnson gives up the magic

By Our Sports Staff

AN APPARENTLY disillusioned Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the HIV-positive basketball player who came out of a four-year retirement to play for the Los Angeles Lakers this season, is retiring again, his agent said on Tuesday.

The agent said Johnson was retiring to concentrate on business affairs, but the player had already publicly hinted he was unhappy with his role on the team, hoping to see more action as a point guard rather than a power forward.

He also became disenchanted with the attitude of present-day players and was outspoken, especially when his team-mates, Cedric Ceballos and Nick Van Exel, attracted suspensions.

Johnson had no immediate comment, announcing the end of his career in a statement by his agent, Lon Rosen. Rosen said Johnson, 36, had "accomplished what he set out to do," by proving he could play in the National Basketball Association after a 4½-year hiatus. He first quit in November 1991 after being diagnosed as having the virus that can lead to AIDS.

On January 30, Johnson made his comeback, after selling his five per cent ownership stake in the team and signing a contract for $2.5 million (about £1.6 million) to play until the end of the season. He was to become a free agent on July 1.

Rosen said Johnson would continue to play in exhibition games around the world. His business interests include a chain of cinemas and a building and land development company.

Bates closes in on new deal to finance Chelsea

By Our Sports Staff

CHELSEA'S long-term future could soon become clearer after an announcement yesterday that Ken Bates, the chairman, is close to securing new financial support. Bates is searching for backers to fund the wholesale redevelopment of Stamford Bridge and to finance the team-building plans of Ruud Gullit, the newly-appointed player-manager.

An agreement between Bates and Matthew Harding, a director, to put together the financial package collapsed last week leaving Bates to find support from elsewhere. Harding — who has had a series of protracted public disputes with Bates — still owns the freehold to Stamford Bridge and remains on the board.

Robert Ellis, of Ellis & Partners, stockbrokers to Chelsea Village, the parent company of Chelsea Football Club, said yesterday: "There are at least two other avenues of financing which are being actively pursued. Chelsea is very close to securing as much finance as it can possibly need both for the football club and the hotel which is going to be built in the next 18 months. The Harding deal hasn't worked, but there are a lot of other people who love Chelsea and would like to be involved."

Fresh investment could be easier to attract if Gullit can capture some high-profile signings to supplement the squad he has inherited from Glenn Hoddle. Gianluca Vialli, the Italy and Juventus forward, is widely tipped to be the first arrival.

Harding still has something approaching a 12 per cent stake in the holding company. Bates, however, is pressing ahead confidently with his plans and is exploring a number of options.

The development of Stamford Bridge could be financed from fixed term capital from overseas while Bates, with up to 50 million shares in Chelsea Village now available, could seek a City-based consortium to raise money. Another option would be to buy the freehold from Harding — Bates has the right to do so for a fixed rate £16.5million exercisable until 2012 — and then re-mortgage for £25 million. Harding has no say in the selling price of the freehold for another 16 years, although the value will have risen after the granting of planning permission.

While Bates tries to get the club on a sound footing off the field, Gullit has named his backroom team. Graham Rix, the former Arsenal and England midfield player, was yesterday promoted to first-team coach in succession to Peter Shreeves.

"We thank Peter for his efforts over the last three years," Colin Hutchinson, the managing director, whose responsibilities in the Gullit regime include contracts and transfers, said.

Rix, who became reserve team manager during last season, will coach the England Under-21 squad at the Toulon International tournament next week. Gullit, who will also offer a position to Eddie Niedzwiecki, the former Wales goalkeeper, has confirmed that Gwyn Williams will be his assistant manager.

Trevor Francis, the newly-appointed manager of Birmingham City, has returned to Sheffield Wednesday, his former club, to recruit three members of his new backroom team.

He is expected to name Mick Mills, the former Ipswich and England captain, and Frank Barlow, who played for Sheffield United and Chesterfield, as joint assistant managers. Arvel Lowe is to become Birmingham's fitness trainer.

Michael Knighton, the Carlisle United chairman, has confirmed that Mervyn Day, the manager, will be offered a new two-year contract, despite the club's relegation.

Knighton said: "Mervyn inherited the No 1 coaching position under difficult circumstances on the departure of Mick Wadsworth to Norwich City."

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Lion Nathan Ltd and Others v CC Bottlers Ltd and Others

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Hoffmann, Sir John May and Sir Ralph Gibson

[Judgment May 14]

Where a company had been sold at a price fixed by reference to a projected earnings forecast in circumstances where the vendors had given the purchasers a warranty that such earnings were achievable but had made an improper forecast, and the court in assessing damages had to choose the figure which a forecast made with reasonable care was most likely to have produced, there was a prima facie assumption that in the absence of contrary evidence the most likely forecast would have reflected the actual result.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in dismissing an appeal by the vendors, Lion Nathan Ltd and two subsidiary companies, against part of a judgment of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand (Mr Justice Richardson, Mr Justice Gault and Mr Justice McKay) delivered on February 15, 1995, increasing an award of damages made against the vendors by the trial judge, Mr Justice Blanchard, on March 29, 1994.

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC, Mr David A. R. Williams, QC, of the New Zealand Bar and Mr Lyn L. Stevens, of the New Zealand Bar, for the vendors: Mr Alan Galbraith, QC, Mr David Hurd and Miss Jane F. Anderson, all of the New Zealand Bar, for the purchasers.

LORD HOFFMANN, giving the judgment of their Lordships, said that the vendors had agreed to sell the entire issued share capital of a soft drinks company to the purchasers for NZ $250 million, subject to adjustment. The purchasers had not been given access to the company's books and had to rely upon the information provided by the vendors.

The price was calculated by applying a multiple of 20 to the vendors' forecast of the expected profits after tax in the company's year of account ending September 2, 1989.

The vendors were willing to warrant the accuracy of the forecast up to the date of completion, July 3, 1989, and the contract provided for an adjustment of the price to reflect any shortfall in the forecast profit up to that date.

But because thereafter the company was expected to be under the control of the purchasers, the vendors were willing to offer only a more limited warranty in respect of the earnings during the remaining two months or so of the financial year.

They supplied a projected revenue statement which forecast that the company's earnings before interest and tax during that period would be $2.223 million and warranted that the projected revenue statement had been calculated on a proper basis and the forecast results referred to therein were achievable based on current trends and performance.

In the event, there was a substantial shortfall in earnings over the whole of the financial year. That led, in accordance with the contract, to an adjustment of the price by reference to the shortfall in respect of the first 10 months. The action arose out of the forecast of $2.223 million for the last two months. The actual earnings during that period were $1.233 million.

The judge held that there had been a breach of warranty. He found that the forecast had not been calculated on a proper basis and that the forecast results were not reasonably achievable. The Court of Appeal upheld his finding on liability and there was no appeal against that decision. The issue was over the measure of damages.

Their Lordships held that the damages were the difference between the price agreed on the assumption of $2.223 million earnings and what the price would have been, using the same method of calculation, if the forecast had been properly made. The crucial question was the ascertainment of what a properly prepared forecast would have been.

The judge decided that it would have been $1.6 million. The Court of Appeal held that the figure of $1.6 million was too high and that a properly prepared forecast would have been in the region of the actual outcome, namely $1.223 million.

In a case in which it was possible to isolate the negligent error from the rest of the forecast it would be reasonable to say that in other respects the forecast would have been the same. All that was necessary was to adjust the figure. But in this case, the breach of warranty went to the whole methodology of the forecast.

It was therefore necessary to approach the question objectively and ask what a reasonable forecast would have been. That in turn involved choosing from within the range of forecasts, all of which would have been reasonable interpretations of the information then available to the vendor.

Where within that range should the court choose? The only rational course open to a court in such circumstances was to choose the figure which it considered that a forecast made with reasonable care was most likely to have produced. One would start with a prima facie assumption that the range of reasonable possible forecasts would be distributed around the figure which was the actual outcome.

The uncertainty inherent in the process of forecasting might have led to reasonable forecasts both higher and lower than the actual outcome. But since those uncertainties tended in both directions, the only way in which a court, required to find a particular figure, could deal with the matter was to regard the unpredictable factors as cancelling each other out.

The actual outcome was therefore prima facie likely to have represented the mean and therefore the figure most likely to have been put forward. That prima facie assumption might, however, be displaced by evidence that the outcome was affected, in one particular direction, by a factor which could not have been reasonably foreseen.

For example, if demand was reduced by the imposition of an unforeseen tax after the date of the forecast, the mean of the whole range of reasonable forecasts would to that extent be higher than the actual outcome.

But the mere existence of uncertainties which could have affected the outcome either way was no more than the reason why there would have been a range of reasonable forecasts and did not affect a conclusion that the most likely mean figure would have been the actual outcome. In the present case there was no evidence to displace that prima facie assumption.

Solicitors: Dibb Lupton Broomhead; Alan Taylor & Co.

Order quashed because appellant died

Regina v Kearley (Deceased)

Before Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Douglas Brown

[Judgment May 8]

On a reference to the Court of Appeal by the Home Secretary against a confiscation order where an appellant had died and was thus unavailable to contest any new material put forward by the prosecution, injustice could result if the confiscation order were not set aside.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in allowing an appeal on a reference by the Home Secretary under section 17(1)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 against a confiscation order in the sum of £10,371.34 made under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 against Alan Robert Michael Kearley in May 1989 at Bournemouth Crown Court (Judge Best) after conviction of one count of unlawfully supplying a controlled Class B drug, one count of possessing a controlled Class B drug with intent to supply and two counts of possessing a Class B drug.

He had also pleaded guilty on other indictments to one count of possessing a controlled Class B drug and four counts of handling stolen goods. He was sentenced to a total of five and half years imprisonment in addition to the confiscation order.

Mr John Aspinall, QC, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning, QC and Mr Andrew Mitchell for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE DOUGLAS BROWN, delivering the judgment of the court, said that in November 1990 on appeal to the Court of Appeal against conviction and sentence Kearley's appeal against conviction was dismissed and his sentence was reduced to four years and one month.

A question of general public importance was referred to the House of Lords as a consequence of which three counts (counts 6, 7 and 8) relating to drug offences were quashed and the case was remitted to the Court of Appeal for consideration as to whether the confiscation order should be set aside or varied.

Before the case could be re-listed the appellant was shot and died. The Court of Appeal decided that the death of the appellant had caused the appeal to abate and the House of Lords agreed that it had no jurisdiction to consider the confiscation order after the death of an appellant.

Nevertheless it was held by the Court of Appeal in *R v Maguire* ([1992] QB 936) that the wide meaning of section 17(1)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 gave the court power to consider a reference by the Home Secretary in respect of a deceased defendant and it was in those circumstances, after representations from Kearley's widow, that the Home Secretary had referred the matter to the Court of Appeal.

It was not suggested on behalf of the appellant that the order was anything other than properly made until the three offences (counts 6 to 8) were quashed.

Kearley, through his counsel, had submitted to the making of the confiscation order in the sum of £10,371.34. But now it was argued that the circumstances of his conviction on count 5 did not in itself warrant confirming the confiscation order in that sum.

Counsel for the Crown recognised that a new situation was created by the quashing of the counts and that the concession made on behalf of Kearley at Bournemouth Crown Court could not stand.

Because he was not available to meet the Crown's case put in these new circumstances injustice could result. The circumstances of the reference were unusual and exceptional if not unique and the confiscation order would have to be set aside.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Ludgate.

Harlequins get money for players

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

HARLEQUINS, who have always had the ability to tap the London markets for jobs and sponsorship, have attracted a £3 million cash injection which will make them as well-prepared as any club in England for rugby union's first season of full professionalism.

In January, Harlequins announced a £1.5 million, three-year agreement with the Japanese communications firm, NEC, designed to fund the club's youth programme and ground refurbishment. Now they have granted a 40 per cent equity interest in the club to Riverside Sports, the leisure group specialising in tennis, health and fitness clubs, in return for money which will secure the club's playing strength.

"In the era of professional rugby union, Harlequins will have the financial, playing and management resources to continue as a major club in England and, in the future, Europe," Roger Looker, the chairman, said. The deal depends on Harlequins becoming a limited company, which will be ratified on May 28.

Club members approved the change in principle on Tuesday night and the controlling share interest will be held by the newly-formed Harlequins Trust, chaired by Looker, whose rugby directors will be Colin Herridge and Donald Kerr. The new money will also enable Harlequins to develop the Stoop memorial ground into an all-seated stadium, of which the first phase will be a new 4,000-capacity East Stand.

So far, while they have been linked with any number of incoming stars, the club's activities in the transfer market have been confined to Gareth Llewellyn, the Welsh lock who will leave Neath on the crest of a wave. On Tuesday, Llewellyn led Neath to their first Heineken League title since 1991, the inaugural year of the competition. "Gareth goes with our blessing," Lyn Jones, the Neath assistant coach, said after his club's emotional win over Pontypridd secured the title, by a mere two tries over an eight-month season, from Cardiff. "He is by far the best technician in his position I have come across and he has been a great servant of Neath."

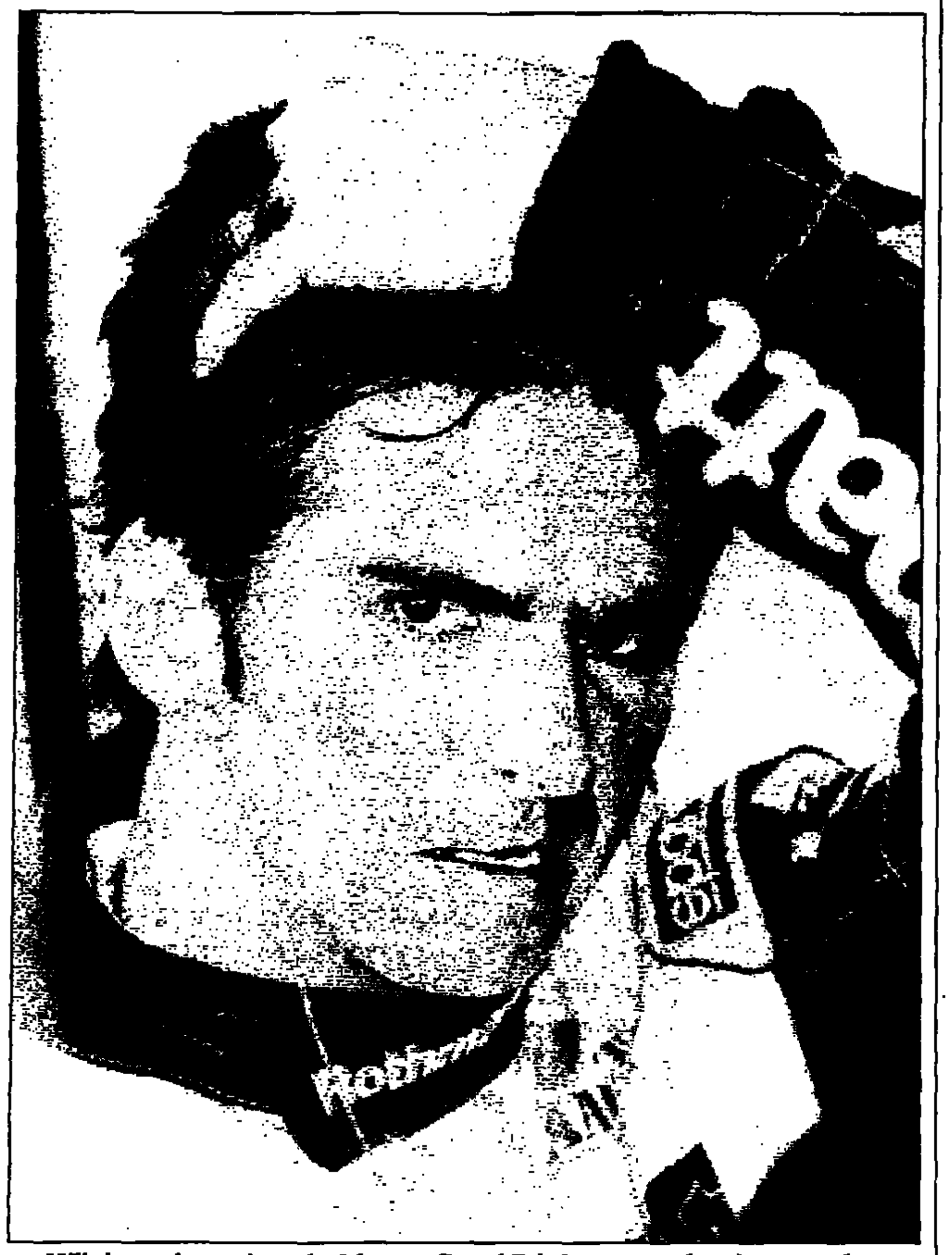
The Neath of 1991 were frenetic and all-action but lacked the control of the truly great club sides. They played their rugby with a scowl; translated to the national stage, as it was by Ron Waldron — then the Welsh coach — their style proved flawed, but this season they have embraced the fluid yet constructive rugby which is proving so successful in the southern hemisphere.

The new Neath will be a credit to Wales when they take the European stage next season, a stage which they will share with Harlequins if the competition proposed by European Rugby Cup Ltd — the company established by the five nations — is not boycotted by the English and Welsh clubs, as they have threatened to do. The two have been drawn in pool C along with Ulster, Scottish North and Midlands, and the runners-up in the forthcoming French championship final.

Club representatives in England and Wales are still in discussions with their governing bodies. Perhaps all concerned should take a leaf out of Ireland's book. The concept of the "peace" international with the Barbarians in Dublin on Saturday has been readily accepted, but unfortunately the Baa-baas have lost not only Francois Pienaar, but Ben Clarke, Warwick Waugh and Olivier Roumat from their original XV. The replacements are Steve Ojomoh, Dean Richards, Nigel Redman and Olivier Brouzet.

Hill longs to join Monaco dynasty

Oliver Holt reveals Briton's desire to add *his name to list of* Formula One greats



Hill shows the strain at the Monaco Grand Prix last year as he tries to emulate the feats of his father at the Monte Carlo circuit. Photograph: Dusan Vranic

IT IS a relatively short journey from Nice Airport to Monaco but the local taxi drivers feel inspired at this time of year. They like to make it exciting. Yesterday, it started with an early brake test on a pursuing car and hit its high point with a guided tour of the scuff marks where errant vehicles have bounced off the sides of a tunnel. "These guys are not Michael Schumacher or Damon Hill," the cabbie said, laughing manically.

Schumacher deserves the compliment. The world champion has won in the winding streets of the Principality for the past two years, laying claim to the title, King of Monaco, once bestowed on Graham Hill, a five-time winner here, and on Ayrton Senna, who went one better. The victories have cemented the German's reputation.

Hill the younger, though, has made a few scuff marks of his own. Not in the tunnel that the cars roar through here, perhaps, but certainly on the guard rails approaching the first corner, Ste Devote, where he collided with Mika Hakkinen's McLaren in 1994 on the first lap. Last year, when he should have won, he was deprived by a wrong choice of strategy.

Even though he has won four of this season's five races and leads the race for the world championship by 22 points from his team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, Hill admitted yesterday that he needs to win here on Sunday to establish himself among the leading drivers of his generation and join the exalted company of Senna, Schumacher and Alain Prost, the only men who have won here in the past 12 years.

"It carries a great deal of kudos on anyone's CV if they can win the Monaco Grand Prix," Hill said. "It ranks up there with the Indianapolis 500 and the Le Mans 24-hour race. It is the jewel in the crown of the championship. It is the one race that if you win it, it means you are a racing driver of extremely high calibre. It is somewhere that stands alone in the calendar. It is the sort of place where you are challenged in a completely different way.

"It has the reputation that only the best drivers win it and that makes it even more desirable to win it. I would dearly love to be on the top of the podium on Sunday. It would be nice to get six wins for the Hill family to equal Senna.

"I could live if I didn't win but I would be a lot happier if I managed it."

Hill said Schumacher, who has recently moved from Monaco to a new home near Geneva, was likely to pose the greatest threat in his Ferrari. Jean Alesi might also figure despite his recent struggles at Benetton, and Villeneuve might also be a contender. The demands of the track, though, were at the forefront of Hill's mind.

"The moment you step into the car here," he said, "you know it is going to be a unique experience. It is a bit of an anachronism in terms of safety because there are hardly any run-off areas and there is no way back if you have a problem. There is no place where you can sit back and have a little think. It mesmerises you. In one part, you can almost be standing still and then in another you are driving at a ridiculous speed through a dark tunnel."

Perhaps the taxi driver could help him with that bit.

Muster confident in word and deed

THOMAS MUSTER, the No 1 seed, from Austria, moved into the third round of the Italian Open tennis championship in Rome yesterday, but was unrepentant about his criticism of leading American players entering tournaments on clay courts only to pull out. "I've got nothing against Americans," he said, "but they shouldn't enter tournaments and then pull out. It's not correct. We have to watch out that people don't lose interest in European tournaments."

On court, Muster beat Petr Korda, of the Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3, while Jim Courier, of the United States, the No 5 seed, lost 6-4, 6-4 to Hernan Gumy, of Argentina.

☐ Clare Wood, the British No 1, was beaten 6-2, 6-2 by Mariaan de Swardt, of South Africa, in the first round of the Rover championships in Cardiff yesterday.

McMillan chases title

BOXING: Frank Maloney, who promotes Colin McMillan, is prepared to pay £1 million for a match between McMillan and Naseem Hamed, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight champion. Hamed would receive £750,000 and McMillan £250,000. McMillan beat Jon Jo Irwin, of Doncaster, the British champion at Dagenham on Tuesday. Irwin was ranked No 4 by the WBO.

England ring changes

BOWLS: Six players who were in last year's winning 26-woman squad have been dropped, and all six rinks reshuffled for England's defence of the British women's outdoor team title at Royal Leamington Spa next month. There are four newcomers — Wendy Barnard, Rhona Darling, Ann Harrison and Janet Newman — and Judy Armstrong and Dora Farman have been recalled.

Audi pay penalty

MOTOR RACING: The organisers of the Auto Trader British Touring Car Championship yesterday raised the weight penalty on four-wheel drive cars from 65kg to 95kg, after pressure from rival teams to reduce the speed advantage of the all-conquering Audi, in which Frank Biela, of Germany, has won four of the first six rounds of the 26-race championship.

Whelton rejoins Giants

BASKETBALL: Manchester Giants have turned to their former American coach, Joe Whelton, to succeed Mike Hanks, who left after the Budweiser Championship play-offs a fortnight ago. Whelton, 40, was Manchester's most successful coach, leading the club (then known as United) to a play-off triumph in 1985 and the league title in 1986.

Master of all courts

REAL TENNIS: James Male, the world rackets champion, won the Laurent-Perrier Masters real tennis championship qualifying event with a straight-sets victory over Paul Tabley, the Australian professional, at the Queen's Club. Male takes his place in the main draw in the group that includes Robert Fahey, the world champion.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

As West you pick up

♠AKQ4 ♥AK1063 ♦Q942 ♣-

and have to make a bid after this auction:

W	N	E	S
1H	Pass	1NT	2C
2S	2NT	Pass	3D
Dble	4C	Pass	Pass
?			

When this hand came up at TGR's, my partner, a Swedish international, doubled after long thought. That ended the auction. This was the full deal:

Dealer West **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

♠J832
♥QJ4
♦A10
♣K654

♠AKQ4
♥AK1063
♦Q942
♣-

N W E S

♠975
♥9752
♦875
♣J93

♠106
♥8
♦KJ63
♣AQ10872

Contract: Four Clubs Doubled, by South *Lead: Ace of spades*

The auction developed awkwardly for me (East) after my psychic response of 1NT to West's One Heart. The point of bidding 1NT is that it may steal the contract when North-South's values are split. Sometimes, even when they enter the auction, you get a chance to show your weakness. For example, say North had a hand suitable for a pass of my partner's double of Three Diamonds.

Now, I would have taken out to Three Hearts, and, as I would not do that on a hand with a genuine 1NT response, that would have demonstrated my hand type. The way that the auction went, for ethical reasons, I could not possibly remove the double of Four Clubs as, by his long pause, my partner had made it clear that he was making a dubious double. In practice, Four Hearts goes two off on best defence, better at any rate than Four Clubs doubled and made.

What do you think of West's double of Four Clubs? That is clearly wrong: West has described his hand — strong, because he has reversed with Two Spades over South's Two Clubs, and with diamond length as he has doubled Three Diamonds. Thus, as he has painted an exact picture of his hand, he should leave any other action to his partner. East has heard West give this description, and yet has passed Four Clubs — it should have been clear to West what was going on.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BLATANT BEAST
a. Henry VIII
b. The type of calumny
c. Lord Castlereagh

MANTUAN SWAN
a. A Classics package tour
b. The Italian grey swan
c. Virgil

MANSARD
a. A curved roof
b. A short two-edged sword
c. Official report of the Lords

GALLIO
a. A high-heeled buskin
b. Chicken stuffed with mince
c. A *fainéant* fellow

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Black win

One of Gata Kamsky's main strengths is his complete absence of fear. He is a great fighter who rarely concedes an early draw.

Even at the age of 17, when the game below was played, Kamsky was not in the least put out by having to face the man who had been world champion from 1975 to 1985.

In fact, Kamsky inflicted on the former champion one of his rare defeats with the White pieces. As with so many games between Karpov and Kamsky, the game far exceeds, in length, the standard for international events, which is approximately 40 moves.

White: Anatoly Karpov

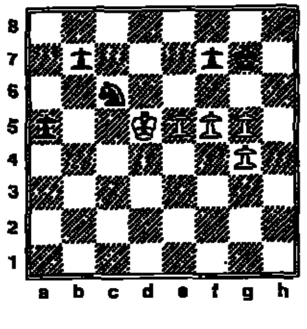
Black: Gata Kamsky
Tilburg, 1991

Grunfeld Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	d5
4	cxd5	Nxd5
5	e4	Nxc3
6	bxc3	Bg7
7	Be3	c5
8	Qd2	Qa5
9	Rb1	a6
10	Rc1	cxd4
11	cxd4	Qxd2+
12	Kxd2	0-0
13	Nf3	e6
14	Bc4	Nc6
15	Rhd1	Bd7
16	Ke1	Na5
17	Be2	Rfc8
18	Bd2	Nc6
19	Bc3	Na7
20	Bd2	Nb5
21	e5	Bc6
22	a4	Na7
23	Ra1	Bd5
24	Kf1	Nc6
25	a5	Rc7
26	Be3	Bf8
27	Ne1	Bb4
28	Rdc1	Bxe1
29	Rxe1	Nb4
30	Rac1	Nc2
31	Bg5	Rac8
32	Red1	Nb4
33	Rxc7	Rxc7
34	Rc1	Nc2
35	Bd8	Rc8
36	Bb6	Be4
37	Rd1	Rc3
38	Bc5	Kg7
39	Kg1	Rb3
40	f3	Bc6
41	Kf2	Nb4
42	Rd2	Bd5
43	h4	Nc6
44	Bb6	h5
45	Rc2	Ra3
46	g4	Ra1
47	Rc3	Rh1
48	Kg3	g5
49	hxg5	h4+
50	Kg2	Re1
51	Rc2	Kg6
52	Kf2	Ra1
53	f4	Ra3
54	Rd2	Rg3
55	Bc5	Kg7
56	Rd3	Rg2+
57	Kf1	Rxe2
58	Kxe2	Bc4
59	d5	exd5
60	Kd2	Bxd3
61	Kxd3	d4
62	Ke2	h3
63	Kf3	d3
64	Be3	Nd4+
65	Kg3	h2
66	Kxh2	Nf3+
67	Kg3	d2
68	Bxd2	Nxd2
69	f5	Nc4
70	Kf4	Nxa5
71	Ke4	Nc6
72	Kd5	a5

White resigns

Diagram of final position



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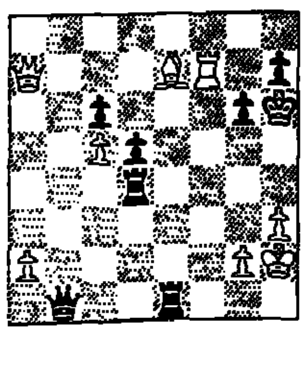
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Bunjoch — Matocha, Czechoslovakia, 1968. Here, White must act quickly as his own king is at the mercy of the Black major pieces. Can you see what he played?



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FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 4 California 3 (in 12inns), Cleveland 5 Detroit 1; New York 2 Seattle 0 Toronto 4 Minnesota 2; Texas 10 Kansas City 0, Baltimore 9 Oakland 1 Postponed: Milwaukee v Chicago.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston 6 Chicago 3; Florida 11 St Louis 5, Colorado 5 Cincinnati 3; Philadelphia 7 San Francisco 0· Atlanta 7 Pittsburgh 3; Los Angeles 2 *Montreal 1; San Diego 9 New York 4.*

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-*offs semi-finals: Eastern Conference:* Chicago 94 New York 81 (Chicago win best-of-seven series 4-1) Western Conference: San Antonio 98 Utah 87 (Utah lead 3-2)

BOXING

DAGENHAM: British featherweight championship: Colin McMillan (Barking) bt Jon Jo Irwin (Doncaster, holder), pts. World Boxing Council international middleweight championship: Robbie Allen (US, holder) ko Teymuraz Kikelidze (Russ) 3rd rnd. Bantamweight: Vince Feeney (Sligo) bt Brendan Bryce (Birmingham) pts. Welter: Peter Richardson (Middlesbrough) bt Trevor Meikle (Scunthorpe) rsc 2nd rnd. Middle: David Starie (Bury St Edmunds) bt Phil Ball (Doncaster) rsc 1st rnd. Superbantam: Pat Mullings (Harrow) bt Miguel Matthews (Wales) pts Feather: Venkatesan Devarajan (India) bt Peter Buckley (Birmingham) pts. Fly: Dharmendra Singh Yadav (India) bt Anthony Hanna (Birmingham) pts. Middle: Taneyiotis Paneyitou (Cyp) bt Ernie Loveridge (Wolverhampton) pts

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of three: Chelmsford: Gloucestershire 214 (N J Trainor 81) and 42-0. Essex 374-7 dec (A J E Hibbert 86, F D Peters 97). Haslingden: Sussex 154 (R J Green 5-55) *and 246-4 (T A Radford 98 not out, K* Greenfield 61). Lancashire 133 (N T Wood 50; J D Lewry 5-34). Maidstone: Kent 379-4 dec (N W Preston 73, R Key 62, D J Spencer 81, S C Willis 60) and 52-2. Leicestershire 281 (N W Preston 4-69). Pontypridd: *Somerset 417-1 dec (H Morgan 200 not out,* J D Kerr 115, P C L Holloway 89 not out) and 18-0. Glamorgan 345-7 dec (A D Shaw 173 not out). Todmorden: Nottinghamshire 289 (M P Dowman 58) and 283-4 (J R Wileman 113 not out, W M Noon 82, R T Bates 64). Yorkshire 212 (R A Kettleborough 123; R T Bates 5-60). Uxbridge: Middlesex 269 (J C Harrison 79, K P Dutch 63; J M de la Pena 4-79) and 63-0. Surrey 411-8 dec (J D Ratcliffe 110, G J Kennis 81, N F Sargeant 82). Worcester: Worcestershire 303 and 134-5 (V S Solanki 64) Northamptonshire 380-9 dec (T J Roberts 122, A J Swan 107, M Amjad 7-71). First day of three: Southampton: Warwickshire 248 (C R Howell 83; D A Mascarenhas 4-42) and 17-0. Hampshire 130 (D A Altree 8-58).

FOOTBALL

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD (v Germany, May 29): A Fettis (Nottingham Forest), A Davison (Bolton Wanderers), D Carroll (Hull City), D Patterson (Luton Town), G Taggart (Bolton Wanderers), N Worthington (Leeds United), K Gillespie (Newcastle United), M Hughes (West Ham United), K Rowland (West Ham United), I Dowie (West Ham United), N Lennon (Leicester City), C Hill (Leicester City), S Lomas (Manchester City), B Hunter (Wrexham), J Magilton (Southampton), J McCarthy (Port Vale), G McMahon (Tottenham Hotspur), G O'Boyle (St Johnstone), D Griffin (St Johnstone), P Mulryne (Manchester United), J Quinn (Blackpool), K Horlock (Swindon Town).
FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National league: Croydon 2 Arsenal 1. Croydon win championship.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Semi-finals: Eastern Conference: Florida 4 Philadelphia 1 (Florida wins best-of-seven series 4-2) Western Conference: Detroit 4 St Louis 2 (series tied 3-3)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Halifax Blue Sox 4 Wigan 50.

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Cardiff 65 Llanelli 13; Neath 45 Pontypridd 25
Final table

	P	W	D	L	T	B	Pts
Neath	22	17	1	4	121	37	72
Cardiff	22	18	1	3	119	35	72
Pontypridd	22	16	1	5	98	28	61
Llanelli	22	15	0	7	88	29	59
Bridgend	22	12	1	9	73	22	47
Swansea	22	11	0	11	83	22	44
Ebbw Vale	22	11	0	11	44	8	30
Newport	22	10	1	11	43	9	30
Newbridge	22	9	0	13	47	11	29
Treorchy	22	5	1	16	45	10	21
Aberavon	22	3	0	19	38	8	14
Abertillery	22	2	0	20	43	8	12

REAL TENNIS

ORATORY SCHOOL: Laurent-Perrier Masters: Qualifying event: First round: P Tabley (Aus) bt J Howell (GB) 6-5, 6-4, 6-2; J Male (GB) bt K Sheldon (GB) 6-2, 5-6, 6-4, 6-4. Final: Male bt Tabley 6-3, 6-4, 6-5.

TENNIS

ROME: Italian Open: First round: P Haarhuis (Holl) bt D Nargiso (It) 6-1, 6-4; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt C Borroni (It) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 Second round: M Rosset (Switz) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-1, 3-0 ret; M Rios (Chile) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-3, 6-3; C Moya (Sp) bt M Washington (US) 7-6, 7-5; T Martin (US) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; H Gumy (Arg) bt J Courier (US) 6-4, 6-4;
BERLIN: German Open: First round: K Nowak (Pol) bt C Singer (Ger) 6-3, 6-4; K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt B Schett (Austria) 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; S Testud (Fr) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-1, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt E Makarova (Russ) 7-5, 7-5; J Kandarr (Ger) bt A Grossman (US) 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; L Lee (US) bt L Neiland (Lat) 6-2, 6-2; R Dragomir (Rom) bt A Temesvari (Hun) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt T Whitlinger Jones (US) 6-1, 6-2; I Majoli (Cro) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 1-6, 7-5, 6-2; Y Basuki (Indo) bt T Jecmenica (Yug) 5-1, retired; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-4, 6-3.
CARDIFF: Men's tournament: Second round: T Schiessling (Austria) bt N Weal (GB) 6-2, 6-0; R Nicklish (Ger) bt R Barbier (Fr) 6-2, 6-4; A Dupuis (Fr) bt P Moschoutis *(Gr) 6-1, 6-3; W Treu (Austria) bt M Goodarz* (Aus) 6-1, 6-1; J Delgado (GB) bt G Steenkamp (SA) 6-1, 6-2; O Burrieza (Sp) bt P Kilderry (Aus) 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; A Richardson (GB) bt A Parmar (GB) 7-5, 6-4; F Dondo (Uru) bt T Spinks (GB) 6-4, 6-3. Women's tournament: First round: *M Tu (US)* bt C Taylor (GB) 6-1, 6-2; P Hy-Boulais (Can) bt E Delone (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; M Oremans (Holl) bt A Miller (US) 6-3, 6-1
CORAL SPRINGS: Men's tournament (US unless stated): First round: M Gustafsson (Swe) bt K Goossens (Bel) 6-4, 6-2, M Tebbutt (Aus) bt S Draper (Aus) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt Ivan Baron 6-3, 6-3. J Frana (Arg) bt A Radulescu (Ger) 6-4, 6-4; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J van Hreck (Bel) 7-6, 6-0; G Raoux (Fr) bt P Bauer (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; M Woodforde (Aus) bt J Tarango 6-0, 5-7, 6-3, J Frana (Arg) bt A Radulescu (Ger) 6-4, 6-4; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J van Hreck (Bel) 7-6, 6-0; G Raoux (Fr) bt P Bauer (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; V Spadea bt K Alami (Mor) 6-3, 6-2, F Montana bt M Wilander (Swe) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, S Stolle (Aus) bt D Johnson 6-4, 6-4; L Adnan Moreyon (Ecu) bt F Meligeni (Br) 6-3, 6-1; C Woodruff bt J Oncins (Br) 6-7, 6-1, 7-5; R Fromberg (Aus) bt J Szymanski (Ven) *6-4, 6-4; N Lapentti (Ecu) bt W McGuire 5-7,* 7-6, 7-6; F Mantilla (Sp) bt M Hadad (Col) 6-1, 6-3; P Rafter (Aus) bt L Jensen 6-2, 7-5

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tetley challenge series
11.0, first day of three
HOVE: Sussex v Indians

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Yorkshire
ILFORD: Essex v Kent
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Derbyshire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Somerset
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v *Lancashire*
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Hampshire

University matches
11.0, first day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Middlesex
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Northamptonshire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): *Southampton: Hampshire v* Warwickshire.
BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Uxbridge CC: Middlesex v Leicestershire. Bradford Park Avenue: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Bell's Scottish League
Play-off, second leg
Dundee Utd (1) v Partick (1) ....

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: *Premier division: Knowle v Massey Ferguson;* West Midlands Fire Service v Upton.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Benson and Hedges international (Thame)
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Cardiff); Rover championships (Welsh National Tennis Centre, Cardiff).

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Kingston times breakthrough with Olympic medal in mind

John Goodbody finds a rising star offering signs of British judo success in Atlanta

OFF the conveyor belt of Great Britain's judo talent comes yet another prospective Olympic medal-winner. The most dangerous competitors in the Games are those who are rapidly fulfilling their potential in Olympic year and Danny Kingston is typical of this breed.

When the European championships, a dress-rehearsal for the Games, begin in The Hague today, Kingston will be among the most scrutinised of fighters in the lightweight class. He has the same workmanlike skill and clean-cut technique that have given Britain such a distinguished pedigree in the sport. A world junior bronze medal-winner in 1993, he was seventh in the senior world championships that year and then fifth in 1995. This year, he has displayed formidable consistency, coming third in the Paris and Munich tournaments, which were attended by many of the world's leading fighters.

There is no pressure on Kingston in The Hague. "I think I am going to do well, but, if I do badly, I do badly," he said. "It is a little warm-up for the Games.

"If I worry, I never perform well. For the Games, I will train just as hard as for other leading tournaments. In fact, I could not train any harder."

Kingston is a member of The Budokwai in South Kensington, the oldest judo club in Europe, where he gets advice from Peter Blewett, Ray Stevens, who was second in the light-heavyweights at the 1992 Olympics, and Tony Sweeney, who fought for Britain at the 1964 Games.

Kingston said: "A variety of people help me. I pick and choose the advice. I usually know when I am doing something wrong."

Sweeney said: "Although he has an excellent contest spirit, he is very sensible in the way that he practises. He does a job of work when he is training. He uses it to get better, rather than worrying if he gets thrown.

"He does not stint himself and is clearly focused, but still enjoys the sport. He does not feel any pressure in training, although his category is one in which there are plenty of 'campaigning' people."

He finds the European method of training more intense than in Japan, the mecca of the sport, where he spent last month preparing for the European championships. "However, the judo is still fantastic there," he added. "There are so many people and it is nice, loose judo. You can practise properly."

His unusually long arms and wide chest, partly developed from his regime of completing 80 consecutive press-ups in a minute, always give him the impression of being heavier than the weight limit of 71kg.

He often is, weighing 77kg in training and then rigorously dieting before contests. Like most competitors in the combat sports, he spends hours worrying that his weight does not get out of control.

"It is not that I am swallowing lots of sugary drinks," he said. "I like good food, lots of it. I am particularly fond of spare ribs — I could eat them all day long — but most of the time I eat pasta and salads." When he is competing, he has a body fat level of 8 per cent, the level of a world-clas marathon runner.

He was not particularly fond of other sports at school, although he enjoyed athletics. Did he study hard then? — "No, not really, I just sat there."

Judo has been a revelation in his life and he survives as a full-time competitor through support from his parents in Wokingham and the Sports Aid Foundation. "I like the physicality of judo," he said. "There are just two of you out there on the mat. It is your victory or your defeat. No one else is involved."

DAVID FINCH

Kingston displays the kind of grip that is taking him closer to realising his dream of Olympic triumph

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

York

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, BATHILDE (M J Kinane, 6-1); 2, Kinlochewe (W Ryan, 13-8 fav); 3, Rouge Rancon (T Quinn, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Wild Rumour (4th), 8 Zelzelah (5th), 9 Miss Riviera (6th). 6 ran. NR: Circled. 1½l, 7l, 7l, sh hd, ¾l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote £6 50, £2.50, £1 60. DF: £7.50. CSF: £14.64. Circled (14-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 5p in pound.

2.35 (7f 202yd) 1, FIRST ISLAND (R Cochrane, 11-2, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Green Green Desert (D Harrison, 16-1); 3, Clan Ben (M J Kinane, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Tarawa (4th), 13-2 Monaassib (5th), 7 Behaviour, 8 Jawaal, 10 Kayvee, 16 Band On The Run (6th), 20 Green Perfume, Silca Blanka, 25 Lap Of Luxury, 33 Nagnagnag. 13 ran. 2½l, 1¼l, 2l, sh hd, 2l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £6.40; £2.10, £3.90, £1.80. DF: £67.60. Trio: £62.30. CSF: £85 74. Tricast: £331 79. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood

3.05 (5f) 1, FAIRY WIND (M J Kinane, 14-1); 2, Brave Edge (R Hughes, 7-1); 3, Twice As Sharp (G Hind, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Pride Of Brixton, 7 Mr Oscar, 8 Royal Dome, 9 Lago Di Varano, 10 Insider Trader, Saddlehome, 11 Ziggy's Dancer (6th), 14 Lady Sheriff (5th), Stolen Kiss, 20 Portelet, Sweet Magic (4th), 25 Laurel Delight. 15 ran. NR: Inherent Magic. ½l, nk, nk, hd, 1¾l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £10 90; £3.20, £3.20, £7.50. DF: £32.30. Trio: £653 00. CSF: £107.73. Tricast: £1,316.75

3.40 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, GLORY OF DANCER (O Peslier, 3-1); 2, Dushyantor (W Ryan, 5-1); 3, Jack Jennings (S Sanders, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Nash House (4th), Storm Trooper (6th), 16 Double Leaf (5th), 20 Bahamian Knight. 7 ran. ½l, 1l, 1l, hd, ¾l. P Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £4 30; £2.20, £2.90. DF: £11.90. CSF: £16.97. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

4.10 (6f) 1, PROUD NATIVE (M J Kinane, 5-1); 2, Indian Spark (T Sprake, 9-2); 3, Marathon Maid (A Culhane, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Smokey Pete, 11-4 Exit To Rio (4th), 13-2 Foot Battalion (6th), 16 Impetuous Air (5th). 7 ran. NR: Daylight Dreams. Nk, 1½l, 2l, 3l, 1¼l. A Jarvis at Didcot. Tote: £6 10; £2.70, £2.80. DF: £11 10. CSF: £28 58.

4.40 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, CELERIC (W Carson, 3-1 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Golden Arrow (K Darley, 12-1); 3, Turgenev (Dale Gibson, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Sarawat (5th), 4 Midyan Blue (4th), 9-2 Bowcliffe Court, 12 Floating Line, Hasta La Vista (6th), 14 Highflying. 9 ran. 1l, hd, hd, 11l, 4l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £3 50; £1 80, £2.40, £6.00. DF: £20.10. Trio: £207 80. CSF: £35.24. Tricast: £702.59

Jackpot: not won (pool of £31,930.16 carried forward to York today).

Placepot: £459.30. Quadpot: £113.30.

Hereford

Going: firm

1.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, INDIAN JOCKEY (D Bridgwater, 11-8 fav); 2, Asking (L Harvey, 20-1); 3, Imlak (A P McCoy, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Hand Of Straw (pu), 15-2 Blasted (pu), 11 Lancer (4th), 20 Astrolabe (5th), 100 Grey Blade (pu). 8 ran. 14l, 15l, 10l, 5l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2 00; £1.40, £3 70, £1.10. DF: £18 60. CSF: £26.07

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, CASHFLOW CRISIS (S Curran, 5-2 fav); 2, My Harvinski (Miss E J Jones, 20-1); 3, Timely Example (Gary Lyons, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 King Of Babylon, 5 Rainbow Road (pu), 11-2 Logie (pu), 7 Beechfield Flyer (5th), 14 Merely Mortal (4th), 20 Jungle Highway (pu), 25 Insiouxbordinate (pu), 33 Don Luigi (pu), Minnie The Minx (6th), 50 Raven's Roost (pu). 13 ran. 4l, 13l, 2½l, 7l, 14l. J Mullins at Andover. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £4 30, £5 10. DF: £86.00. Trio: £132.20 (part won: pool of £150.92 carried forward to 3 05 at York today). CSF: £51.42. No bid

2.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, COURAGEOUS KNIGHT (B Fenton, 14-1); 2, I Have Him (D Finnegan, 6-4 fav); 3, Tonys Gift (O Burrows, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Lexus (6th), 7 Drakestone, 15-2 Frontier Flight (5th), 14 Royal Glint, 16 Mutley (pu), Saxon Magic (4th), 33 Beyond The Stars. 10 ran. 16l, hd, 8l, 11l, 1½l. P Hayward at Netheravon. Tote: £25.90; £2.90, £1 40, £1.40. DF: £28.20. Trio: £13 80. CSF: £39 25. Tricast: £74 32

3.20 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, OH SO HANDY (D Walsh, 11-10 fav); 2, Desert Mist (R Greene, 6-1); 3, Derring Bud (Miss E James, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Banntown Bill (pu), 9 Just One Canaletto (ur), 10 L'Uomo Piu (4th). 6 ran. 12l, 14l, 6l. R Curtis at Epsom. Tote: £1 60; £1 10, £3 80. DF: £8 40. CSF: £8 14

3.55 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, GLISTENING DAWN (S McNeill, 8-1); 2, Boltrose (A P McCoy, 1-3 fav); 3, Woodyou (J Lodder, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Board Member (pu), 20 Grey Watch (pu). 5 ran. 10l, dist. S Christian at Kinnersley. Tote: £5 30; £1 10, £5 70. DF: £1 90. CSF: £11 26

4.25 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, WELSH LEGION (Mr M Rimell, 3-1); 2, Wild Illusion (Mr Richard White, 1-2 fav); 3, Rusty Bridge (Mr R Thornton, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Hcar (pu). 4 ran. 2½l, 5. G W Lewis at Carmarthen. Tote: £4 10. DF: £2 00. CSF: £4 90

4.55 (2m 1f flat race) 1, BRAMLEY MAY (B Powell, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Kingsland Taverner (J A McCarthy, 7-4 jt-fav); 3, Bel-De-Moor (W Marston, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Dumbleton Brook, 14 Ladymalord, Sybar, 25 Out For A Duck (4th), 50 Chassagne (6th), Roc Age (5th). 9 ran. NR: Tashkent. 3l, 18l, 9l, 2½l, 2l. R Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £1 10, £1 50, £1.80. DF: £3 40. Trio: £31.20. CSF: £4.81

Placepot: £42.70. Quadpot: £26.60.

Hereford win welcomed by Hayward

COURAGEOUS KNIGHT gave the trainer, Peter Hayward, his first winner for 20 months in the St Richards School Conditional Jockeys' Novices Handicap Hurdle at Hereford yesterday. A relieved Hayward said: "We needed that to come in from the wilderness as it's 20 months since we had a winner with Spring To Glory in August 94."

The young jockey, Barry Fenton, rode a well-judged race by making good headway to hit the front aboard Courageous Knight two furlongs from home before galloping 16 lengths clear of the long-time leader and favourite, I Have Him.

AINTREE

THUNDERER

5.45 Kenilworth. 6.15 Master Sandy. 6.45 Tartan Tradewinds. 7.15 Albemine. 7.45 Earlymorning Light. 8.15 Strong Approach. 8.45 Garnwin.

Carl Evans: 5.45 Kenilworth.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.45 AINTREE NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,764: 3m 1f) (11 runners)

1	3121	FREDDIE FOX 8 (G,S) A Garton 10-12-5	T Garton (7)
2	-611	KENILWORTH 12 (D,G,S) C Lawson 8-12-5	C Mulhall (7)
3	P3PP	COSTERMONGER 8 (B) Mrs J Griffith 7-12-0	A Griffith (7)
4	R333	DUKE OF IMPNEY 10P (F,G,S) M Williamson 9-12-0	A Dalton (7)
5	1345	GEN-TECH 13 (S) D Chapman 9-12-0	A Gribbin (7)
6	P316	ORTON HOUSE 8 (G) S Kelly 9-12-0	R Burton (7)
7	4FP6	RINKY DINKY DOO 19P (B,G) P Morris 10-12-0	C J B Barlow (7)
8	-PU1	SYD GREEN 18P (F,G,S) A Walter 8-12-0	S Walker (7)
9	5P12	WHINSTONE MILL 11P (G) Mrs S Thornton 8-12-0	R Thornton (7)
10	U22P	GRAY ROSETTE 8 (S) R Crank 7-11-9	M Worthington (7)
11	41R4	STILLTODO 12 (S) C Wilson 9-11-9	A Parker (7)

11-4 Kenilworth, 4-1 Freddie Fox, 9-2 Whinstone Mill, 5-1 Stilltodo, 6-1 Syd Green, 10-1 Gray Rosette, 12-1 Gen-Tech, 16-1 others.

6.15 FREDDIE'S INTERNATIONAL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,905: 2m 4f) (7)

1	1121	MASTER SANDY 8 (D,F,G) B Mactaggart 9-12-6	L Wyer
2	1142	CIRCUS COLOURS 15 (D,F) J Jenkins 6-11-8	A P McCoy
3	2213	COLORFUL AMBITION 31 (BF,F) Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-8	J Railton
4	10	EBEN AL HABEEB 26 (S) D McCain 5-11-8	D McCain
5	P312	RAPHAEL BODINE 10 (F) Miss V Williams 7-11-8	R Davis
6	01	EL DON 10 (F) M Ryan 4-11-2	J Ryan
7	363	SANTELLA BOY 10 C Mann 4-10-10	R Dunwoody

3-1 Master Sandy, 4-1 Circus Colours, 9-2 Colorful Ambition, 5-1 Raphael Bodine, 6-1 El Don, 7-1 Eben Al Habeeb, 8-1 Santella Boy

6.45 CEDRIC CROSTON HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,551: 3m 1f) (8)

1	05P4	TARTAN TRADEWINDS 12 (D,G,S) G Richards 9-11-10	A Dobbin
2	F433	SYNDERBOROUGH LAD 15 (D,F,G) S Pike 10-11-9	A P McCoy
3	P332	ALI'S ALIBI 38 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-7	P Niven
4	3133	CELTIC TOWN 37 (B,F,G,S) O Sherwood 8-10-12	J A McCarthy
5	5303	MAN OF MYSTERY 43 (C,D,G,S) P Hobbs 10-10-4	D Bridgwater
6	5PUP	WAIT YOU THERE 8 (D,F,G,S) H Alexander 11-10-1	R Johnson
7	PP05	SPIKEY 62 (G) J Jenkins 10-10-0	W Marston
8	P0P5	SPARROW HALL 15 (B,F,G,S) J Fitzgerald 9-10-0	W Dwan

5-4 Ali's Alibi, 3-1 Tartan Tradewinds, 7-2 Man Of Mystery, 9-2 Celtic Town, 16-1 Synderborough Lad, Spikey, 25-1 others

7.15 WEATHERBYS BANKING SERVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,562: 2m 110yd) (6)

SKY

1	1523	ALBEMINE 12 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs J Cecil 7-11-11	T Kent
2	0261	DIAMOND CUT 10 (D,F,G) M Pipe 8-11-9 (6ex)	D Bridgwater
3	1141	RED VALERIAN 19 (B,D,F) J O'Shea 5-11-2	Michael Brennan (7)
4	4350	TEEN JAY 26 (D,F,G,S) B Llewellyn 6-11-0	A P McCoy
5	0041	MULTY 10 (B,C,F) C Mann 4-10-10 (6ex)	R Dunwoody
6	-61P	WELL APPOINTED 8 (BF,F) B Mactaggart 7-10-2	L Wyer

5-2 Albemine, 3-1 Red Valerian, 4-1 Diamond Cut, Well Appointed, 8-1 others.

7.45 LIVERPOOL ECHO WOMAN EXTRA NOVICES CHASE (£2,894: 2m 4f) (4)

SKY

1	4112	EARLYMORNING LIGHT 8 (D,BF,G) G Richards 7-12-0	A Dobbin
2	41F2	MERLINS DREAM 12 (F,G) O Sherwood 7-11-8	M Richards
3	1P2F	SQUIRRELLSDAUGHTER 26 (F,G) S Brookshaw 9-11-3	R Johnson
4	62PU	CHALIE RICHARDS 20 Mrs L Williamson 9-11-2	S McNeill

4-5 Earlymorning Light, 5-4 Merlins Dream, 10-1 others

8.15 SUNDAY BEST COUTURE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,463: 2m) (8)

SKY

1	-543	YOUNG SNUGFIT 38 (C,D,F,G) O Sherwood 12-12-0	J A McCarthy
2	4P03	SAFFAAH 9 (D,G,S) S Knight 9-11-6	M Richards
3	1222	FULL O'PRAISE 160 (D,F,G) P Calver 9-11-2	L Wyer
4	2222	SIMPLY GEORGE 180 (D,F) J White 7-10-12	P Niven
5	2636	STRONG APPROACH 33 (D,F,G,S) J Charlton 11-10-9	A P McCoy
6	-352	MICHERADO 12 (G,S) S Brookshaw 6-10-0	R Johnson
7	5804	DR ROCKET 9 (D,F,G,S) R Dickin 11-10-0	Mr J Culloty (3)
8	04P3	CIRCULATION 31 (D,G,S) D McCain 10-10-0	D Walsh (3)

9-4 Full O'Praise, 7-2 Saffaah, 5-1 Strong Approach, Dr Rocket, 6-1 others.

8.45 MERSEYRAIL ELECTRICS NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

SKY

(£2,775: 2m 110yd) (6)

1	0120	THE BOUNDER 25 (D,F,G) O Sherwood 6-11-8	J A McCarthy
2	0-R5	BOUND FOR GOLD 59 M Pipe 5-11-2	D Bridgwater
3	4050	GARNWIN 29 N Henderson 6-11-2	J R Kavanagh
4	6	WHATASHOT 10 D McCain 6-11-2	D McCain
5	54P4	BODFARI PRODUCER 12 J Edwards 6-10-11	A P McCoy
6	2	YOUNG RADICAL 12 J Upson 4-10-11	A Dobbin

2-1 Garnwin, 5-2 Bodfari Producer, 4-1 The Bounder, 5-1 Young Radical, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

AINTREE: Trainers: Mrs M Reveley, 4 winners from 21 runners, 19.0%; J Fitzgerald, 3 from 21, 14.3%; G Richards, 6 from 44, 13.6%. Jockeys: A Dobbin, 3 winners from 15 rides, 20.0%; P Niven, 5 from 28, 17.9%; S McNeill, 4 from 23, 17.4%

SALISBURY: Trainers: L Cumani, 8 winners from 24 runners, 33.3%; D Morris, 3 from 10, 30.0%; P Chapple-Hyam, 7 from 27, 25.9%; H Cecil, 8 from 35, 22.9%; M Stoute, 5 from 29, 17.2%. Jockeys: M Henry, 4 winners from 18 rides, 22.2%; N Varley, 5 from 30, 16.7%; W Ryan, 8 from 60, 13.3%; G Duffield, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

SALISBURY

THUNDERER

1.40 Shalateeno. 2.10 Heart Full Of Soul. 2.45 Dancing Image. 3.15 Chief Contender. 3.45 Ahjay. 4.20 Daily Risk. 4.50 Sardonic. 5.20 Soviet Bride.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 CHIEF CONTENDER.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH BEST SIS

1.40 NETHERHAMPTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(Div I: £3,460: 1m 1f 209yd) (12 runners)

1	[illegible]	-000	OPENING RANGE 63 N Berry 5-9-7	A Eddery (7)	–
2	(6)		PEETSIE 47J Lord Huntingdon 4-9-7	T Ives	–
3	(5)	006-	SHINING DANCER 168 S Dow 4-9-7	W Ryan	65
4	(10)	0	ARETTA'S WAY 19 R Charlton 3-8-7	T Sprake	–
5	(12)	0	DANCE MODEL 17 J Sheehan 3-8-7	P P Murphy (5)	–
6	(7)		KOSTON LASS J Toller 3-8-7	G Duffield	–
7	[illegible]	0	LA PELLEGRINA 29 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-7	R Havlin (5)	[illegible]
8	(4)	6-6	LOVE BATETA 13 R Hannon 3-8-7	R Perham	96
9	[illegible]	5-0	REITERATE 20 G Balding 3-8-7	S Drowne (3)	88
10	(3)	04	SHALATEENO 16 M Channon 3-8-7	A Gorman	98
11	(11)	3-50	STATELY DANCER 20 G Wragg 3-8-7	W Woods	97
12	(2)	4	TART 34 J Fanshawe 3-8-7	N Varley (3)	94

7-2 Love Bateta, 9-2 Stately Dancer, 5-1 Tart, 7-1 Peetsie, 10-1 others.

2.10 WARMINSTER MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,334: 5f) (11)

1	[illegible]	4	BOLD CATCH 17 (BF) R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake	[illegible]
2	(2)		CAUDA EQUINA M Channon 9-0	P P Murphy (5)	–
3	(9)		DON SEBASTIAN R Hannon 9-0	R Perham	–
4	(3)	0	HEART FULL OF SOUL 17 P Cole 9-0	C Rutter	87
5	(1)		MASERATI MONK B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	–
6	(5)		MIDATLANTIC P Walwyn 9-0	G Hind	–
7	(11)		SALTY JACK S Dow 9-0	A Daly (5)	–
8	(4)		TIPSY CREEK B Hanbury 9-0	W Ryan	–
9	(10)	5	BRAMBLE BEAR 10 M Blanshard 8-9	A Clark	91
10	(6)		SUMMER QUEEN S Woods 8-9	W Woods	–
11	(7)	5	WILL TO WIN 38 P Murphy 8-9	S Drowne (3)	90

3-1 Bold Catch, 4-1 Cauda Equina, 5-1 Don Sebastian, 6-1 Heart Full Of Soul, Tipsy Creek, 7-1 Midatlantic, 10-1 Bramble Bear, 12-1 others

2.45 DRUIDS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,652. 1m) (18)

1	(18)	365-	DANCING IMAGE 232 I Balding 9-7	W Ryan	93
2	(2)	0500	EXPEDITIOUS WAY 19 R Charlton 9-7	T Sprake	97
3	(11)	0-50	NEEDLE MATCH 29 C Wall 9-6	G Duffield	92
4	(10)	00-0	PREMIER GENERATION 14 D Arbuthnot 9-6	S Whitworth	91
5	(4)	50-0	SMILE FOREVER 22 J Toller 9-6	T Ives	98
6	(5)	526-	ZDENKA 226 M Blanshard 9-5	N Adams	95
7	(15)	0-00	DIL DIL 16 (F) R Hannon 9-3	R Perham	91
8	(7)	05-5	WILFULL LAD 10 (F) M Meade 9-2	V Slattery	93
9	(3)	6342	DUNGEON PRINCESS 7 M Channon 9-2	P P Murphy (5)	93
10	(9)	00-4	MYSTIC DAWN 14 S Dow 9-2	A Daly (5)	91
11	(17)	30-0	BALOUSTAR 29 S Woods 9-2	W Woods	98
12	(14)	-200	PRIDE OF KASHMIR 16 (B) P Harris 8-12	G Hind	95
13	(13)	60-0	REALMS OF GLORY 52 P Mitchell 8-12	A Clark	86
14	(16)	00-0	SOUND CHECK 19 (F) B Meehan 8-11	M Tebbutt	94
15	(6)	0-30	BRIGHT ECLIPSE 23 J Hills 8-10	M Henry (5)	85
16	(1)	4-00	LAUGHING BUCCANEER 16 (B) A Foster 8-9	R Waterfield (7)	[illegible]
17	(8)	0-60	SPIRAL FLYER 23 M Usher 8-9	R Price	81
18	(12)	00-0	NIGHT OF GLASS 16 D Morris 8-9	J H Brown	85

5-1 Mystic Dawn, 7-1 Needle Match, 8-1 Expeditious Way, Wilfull Lad, 10-1 Dancing Image, 12-1 Dungeon Princess, 14-1 Dil Dil, 16-1 others

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Aintree: 5.45 Costermonger, Rinky Dinky Doo. 6.45 Celtic Town. Folkestone: 7.30 Motor Cloak. Salisbury: 2.45 Pride Of Kashmir. 4.20 Lincon Twenty One, Little Kenny

3.15 DURNFORD CONDITIONS STAKES

(3-Y-O: £4,799: 1m 4f) (5)

1	(4)	1-10	PROSPECTOR'S COVE 28 (G,S) J Pearce 9-3	G Bardwell	93
2	(1)	01	CHIEF CONTENDER 11 (CD,G) P C-Hyam 9-1	R Havlin (5)	[illegible]
3	(5)	40-1	LEAR JET 16 (G) P Cole 9-1	C Rutter	93
4	(3)	01	YOM JAMEEL 17 (F) M Stoute 9-1	K Bradshaw	84
5	(2)	-412	SPILLO 13 (BF,F) L Cumani 8-12	W Ryan	88

2-1 Lear Jet, 5-2 Yom Jameel, 4-1 Chief Contender, Spillo, 12-1 Prospector's Cove.

3.45 TRYON HANDICAP (£4,338: 6f 212yd) (14)

1	(13)	2-30	SAND STAR 12 (D,G) D Haydn Jones 4-9-10	A Mackay	92
2	(5)	61-	CATCH THE LIGHTS 184 (G) R Hannon 3-9-6	R Perham	90
3	(2)	2113	VICTORY TEAM 24 (BF,G) G Balding 4-9-6	A Clark	[illegible]
4	(8)	508-	PHILISTAR 229 J Eustace 3-9-3	P McCabe (3)	–
5	(6)	646-	TWICE PURPLE 220 B Meehan 4-8-13	M Tebbutt	88
6	(14)	56-0	MOROCCO 8 (D,F,S) M Channon 7-8-10	A Eddery (7)	98
7	(11)	60-0	AMNESTY BAY 24 (G) M Usher 4-8-7	N Adams	94
8	(10)	2-30	TIME CLASH 22 (F,G) B Palling 3-8-7	T Sprake	94
9	(3)	0-06	AHJAY 17 (CD,F,G) T Naughton 6-8-5	S Drowne (3)	95
10	(7)	310-	INDIAN RHAPSODY 243 (D,F,G,S) A Bailey 4-8-5	G Bardwell	90
11	(12)	-080	GREAT HALL 14 (C,F,G) P Cundell 7-8-5	W Ryan	97
12	(9)	0602	JAAZIM 14 (D,G) M Madgwick 6-8-4	N Varley (3)	97
13	(4)	040-	THATCHMASTER 230 C Horgan 5-8-0	D O'Shea	91
14	(1)	5206	SCISSOR RIDGE 7 (D,G) J Bridger 4-7-13	M Baird (5)	97

7-2 Victory Team, 6-1 Catch The Lights, 7-1 Ahjay, Jaazim, 8-1 others.

4.20 REDENHAM CLAIMING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,784: 6f 212yd) (13)

1	(9)	40-	DYANKO 337 M Saunders 9-3	S Drowne (3)	–
2	(7)	0-00	FLYING PENNANT 26 R Hannon 9-3	R Perham	80
3	(6)	1555	COASTGUARDS HERO 17 (G) M Usher 9-0	N Adams	85
4	(12)	-042	CISERANO 24 M Channon 8-12	P P Murphy (5)	86
5	(4)		MYSTICAL MAID H Thomson Jones 8-12	W Ryan	–
6	(3)	0	MOTRIB 14 M Madgwick 8-11	N Varley (3)	–
7	(10)	0-00	PETITE ANNIE 90 T Mills 8-8	Mark Lynch	86
8	(8)	0504	DAILY RISK 7 (BF) S Dow 8-7	A Daly (5)	[illegible]
9	(5)	30-0	ONE SHOT 38 W Muir 8-7	W Woods	84
10	(2)	0	DUET 16 J King 8-4	G Bardwell	–
11	(13)	50-0	LITTLE KENNY 10 (B) M Fetherston-Godley 8-2	G Duffield	81
12	(1)	060-	SILHOUETTE 213 D Elsworth 8-2	F Norton	75
13	(11)	0-04	LINCON TWENTY ONE 30 (B) M Haynes 8-0	M Baird (5)	78

3-1 Flying Pennant, 4-1 Ciserano, Daily Risk, 7-1 Coastguards Hero, 10-1 others.

4.50 NETHERHAMPTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(Div II: £3,460: 1m 1f 209yd) (11)

1	(3)	4/0-	FORTUNES COURSE 61J J King 7-9-7	G Bardwell	–
2	(2)	00	LIZIUM 8 J Fox 4-9-7	R Perham	71
3	(4)	0-0	ALICIA 17 J Dunlop 3-8-7	S Whitworth	80
4	(8)	00	AMBER RING 10 M Channon 3-8-7	P P Murphy (5)	–
5	(5)	5	FINLANA 19 M Stoute 3-8-7	K Bradshaw	85
6	(9)	0	MOST WANTED 10 P Cole 3-8-7	C Rutter	–
7	(10)	2-0	NASEEM ALSAHAR 17 W Hern 3-8-7	T Sprake	94
8	(1)		SARDONIC H Cecil 3-8-7	W Ryan	–
9	(6)	4-3	SERENES 13 P Walwyn 3-8-7	G Hind	[illegible]
10	(11)	0-	TURIA 220 D Chappell 3-8-7	A Clark	–
11	(7)	0-	VENDETTA 336 I Balding 3-8-7	A McGlone	–

5-4 Sardonic, 5-2 Naseem Alsahar, 3-1 Serenes, 10-1 Finlana, 16-1 others.

5.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,850: 1m 4f) (9)

1	(4)	26-6	DORMY THREE 17 (D,F,G) R Hodges 6-9-10	A McGlone	90
2	(8)	40-2	SOVIET BRIDE 16 (BF,F,G) S Dow 4-9-8	A Daly (5)	96
3	(5)	/4	PREROGATIVE 7 R Simpson 6-9-3	S Drowne (3)	92
4	(6)	0-00	PISTOL 15 (F,G) C Horgan 6-9-2	W Woods	90
5	(7)	0-64	OLD IRISH 19 L Cumani 3-8-0	W Ryan	91
6	(3)	0-25	HATTAAFEH 20 (G) Miss B Sanders 5-8-12	G Hind	[illegible]
7	(2)	04-2	GRANDES OREILLES 24 (BF) N Walker 4-8-6	C Rutter	92
8	(1)	0-00	REAGANESQUE 20 P Murphy 4-8-7	F Norton	84
9	(9)	005-	BLANCHLAND 29J (G) P Ritchens 7-8-3	N Adams	–

11-4 Soviet Bride, 7-2 Old Irish, 4-1 Prerogative, 6-1 Dormy Three, 7-1 others.

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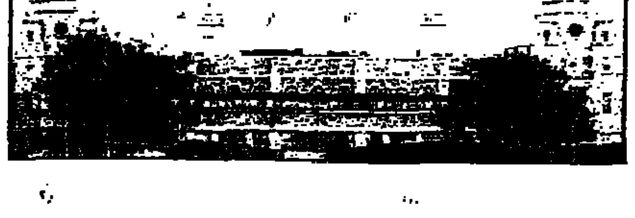

ITC SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week: the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by May 13.

Batsmen (001-135)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
C J Adams (001)	220	(103)	0	(0)	220	(103)
G F Archer (002)	119	(119)	0	(0)	119	(119)
M A Atherton (003)	244	(116)	0	(0)	244	(116)
C W J Athey (004)	90	(20)	0	(0)	90	(20)
M Azharuddin (005)	91	(91)	0	(0)	91	(91)
R J Bailey (006)	82	(34)	0	(0)	82	(34)
K J Barnett (007)	290	(62)	5	(0)	390	(62)
M R Benson (008)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M G Bevan (009)	254	(162)	0	(0)	254	(162)
D J Bicknell (010)	73	(11)	0	(0)	73	(11)
D A Blenkiron (011)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P D Bowler (012)	271	(64)	0	(0)	271	(64)
N E Briers (013)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Brown (014)	56	(29)	0	(0)	56	(29)
D Byas (015)	125	(79)	0	(0)	125	(79)
S L Campbell (016)	36	(36)	0	(0)	36	(36)
J D Carr (017)	144	(39)	0	(0)	144	(39)
M J Church (018)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P A Cottey (019)	156	(113)	0	(0)	156	(113)
G R Cowdrey (020)	138	(86)	0	(0)	138	(86)
J P Crawley (021)	113	(88)	0	(0)	113	(88)
C D Crowe (022)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Cunliffe (023)	51	(0)	0	(0)	51	(0)
T S Curtis (024)	53	(19)	0	(0)	53	(19)
J A Daley (025)	82	(37)	0	(0)	82	(37)
A J Dalton (026)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R I Dawson (027)	36	(18)	1	(1)	56	(38)
M P Dowman (028)	28	(28)	0	(0)	28	(28)
N H Fairbrother (029)	85	(0)	0	(0)	85	(0)
A Flintoff (030)	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
A Fordham (031)	121	(81)	0	(0)	121	(81)
D P Fulton (032)	93	(87)	0	(0)	93	(87)
J E R Gallian (033)	137	(87)	1	(0)	157	(87)
M W Gatting (034)	385	(245)	0	(0)	385	(245)
N A Gie (035)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G A Gooch (036)	246	(151)	0	(0)	246	(151)
K Greenfield (037)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A Habib (038)	86	(17)	0	(0)	86	(17)
J W Hall (039)	94	(60)	0	(0)	94	(60)
T H C Hancock (040)	77	(37)	0	(0)	77	(37)
R J Harden (041)	3	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)
M E Harvey (042)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A N Hayhurst (043)	74	(5)	0	(0)	74	(5)
G R Haynes (044)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D L Hemp (045)	103	(0)	1	(0)	123	(0)
G A Hick (046)	269	(215)	0	(0)	269	(215)
A J Hollioake (047)	327	(82)	3	(0)	387	(82)
N Hussain (048)	139	(82)	0	(0)	139	(82)
S Hutton (049)	195	(7)	0	(0)	195	(7)
Ijaz Ahmed (050)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Inzamam-ul-Haq (051)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S P James (052)	301	(85)	0	(0)	301	(85)
P Johnson (053)	96	(0)	0	(0)	96	(0)
D M Jones (054)	336	(224)	0	(0)	336	(224)
V Kambli (055)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Keech (056)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W S Kendall (057)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G J Kennis (058)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W G Khan (059)	178	(19)	0	(0)	178	(19)
N V Knight (060)	297	(132)	0	(0)	297	(132)
J S Laney (061)	171	(59)	0	(0)	171	(59)
M N Lathwell (062)	106	(106)	0	(0)	106	(106)
S G Law (063)	281	(187)	1	(0)	301	(187)
D A Leatherdale (064)	147	(28)	1	(1)	167	(48)
N J Lenham (065)	197	(54)	0	(0)	197	(54)
J J B Lewis (066)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N J Llong (067)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G D Lloyd (068)	110	(77)	0	(0)	110	(77)
J I Longley (069)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M B Loye (070)	79	(64)	0	(0)	79	(64)
M A Lynch (071)	5	(5)	0	(0)	5	(5)
G I Macmillan (072)	66	(0)	0	(0)	66	(0)
D L Maddy (073)	127	(10)	4	(2)	207	(50)
S V Manjrekar (074)	82	(82)	0	(0)	82	(82)
M P Maynard (075)	342	(79)	0	(0)	342	(79)
A McGrath (076)	169	(121)	0	(0)	169	(121)
A A Metcalfe (077)	73	(56)	0	(0)	73	(56)
A J Moles (078)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R R Montgomerie (079)	181	(104)	0	(0)	181	(104)
T M Moody (080)	53	(0)	1	(1)	73	(20)
H Morris (081)	437	(58)	0	(0)	437	(58)
J E Morris (082)	52	(3)	0	(0)	52	(3)
R S M Morris (083)	50	(11)	0	(0)	50	(11)
M D Moxon (084)	356	(133)	0	(0)	356	(133)
K Newell (085)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T J G O'Gorman (086)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D P Ostler (087)	215	(90)	0	(0)	215	(90)
J E Owen (088)	107	(107)	0	(0)	107	(107)
K A Parsons (089)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T L Penney (090)	135	(134)	0	(0)	135	(134)
P R Pollard (091)	87	(0)	0	(0)	87	(0)
J C Pooley (092)	138	(24)	0	(0)	138	(24)
P J Prichard (093)	121	(92)	0	(0)	121	(92)
M R Ramprakash (094)	91	(15)	0	(0)	91	(15)
J D Ratcliffe (095)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D D J Robinson (096)	97	(36)	0	(0)	97	(36)
P E Robinson (097)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R T Robinson (098)	107	(71)	0	(0)	107	(71)
A S Rollins (099)	192	(56)	0	(0)	192	(56)
M A Roseberry (100)	285	(48)	0	(0)	285	(48)
Saeed Anwar (101)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
O A Shah (102)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N Shahid (103)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Salim Malik (104)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Sales (105)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N S Sidhu (106)	131	(131)	0	(0)	131	(131)
P V Simmons (107)	25	(25)	1	(1)	45	(45)
A Singh (108)	123	(0)	0	(0)	123	(0)
B F Smith (109)	207	(81)	0	(0)	207	(81)
R A Smith (110)	107	(59)	0	(0)	107	(59)
N J Speak (111)	96	(72)	0	(0)	96	(72)
M P Speight (112)	69	(24)	0	(0)	69	(24)
A J Stewart (113)	82	(28)	0	(0)	82	(28)
I J Sutcliffe (114)	151	(0)	0	(0)	151	(0)
A Symonds (115)	221	(148)	0	(0)	221	(148)
N R Taylor (116)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Tendulkar (117)	52	(52)	0	(0)	52	(52)
V P Terry (118)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G P Thorpe (119)	333	(8)	0	(0)	333	(8)
S P Titchard (120)	4	(0)	0	(0)	4	(0)
M E Trescothick (121)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T A Tweats (122)	96	(0)	0	(0)	96	(0)
M P Vaughan (123)	232	(41)	1	(0)	252	(41)
M J Walker (124)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T C Walton (125)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D M Ward (126)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T R Ward (127)	145	(14)	0	(0)	145	(14)
A P Wells (128)	121	(59)	0	(0)	121	(59)
R M S Weston (129)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W P C Weston (130)	118	(98)	0	(0)	118	(98)
G W White (131)	40	(1)	0	(0)	40	(1)
J J Whitaker (132)	199	(18)	0	(0)	199	(18)
P R Whitaker (133)	180	(122)	4	(1)	260	(142)
M G N Windows (134)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A J Wright (135)	106	(0)	0	(0)	106	(0)

All-rounders (150-203)

Aamir Sohail (150)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M W Alleyne (151)	101	(56)	9	(7)	281	(196)
I D Austin (152)	20	(16)	4	(0)	100	(16)
P Bainbridge (153)	44	(0)	0	(0)	44	(0)
D R Brown (154)	55	(0)	5	(2)	155	(40)
M A Butcher (155)	194	(129)	1	(1)	214	(149)
C L Cairns (156)	96	(63)	6	(2)	216	(103)
D J Capel (157)	147	(93)	2	(2)	187	(133)
D G Cork (158)	109	(0)	8	(3)	269	(60)
R D B Croft (159)	43	(25)	9	(3)	223	(85)
K M Curran (160)	83	(5)	4	(2)	163	(45)
A Dale (161)	153	(125)	3	(3)	213	(185)
P A J DeFreitas (162)	19	(0)	1	(0)	39	(0)
V C Drakes (163)	80	(62)	2	(1)	120	(82)
M A Ealham (164)	104	(51)	2	(2)	144	(91)
S C Ecclestone (165)	6	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)
K P Evans (166)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
M A Feltham (167)	13	(0)	0	(0)	13	(0)
M V Fleming (168)	82	(56)	1	(0)	102	(56)
A P Grayson (169)	77	(25)	5	(5)	177	(125)
O D Gibson (170)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
F A Griffith (171)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C L Hooper (172)	101	(30)	2	(2)	141	(70)
R C Irani (173)	270	(106)	9	(2)	450	(146)
A D Jadeja (174)	127	(127)	0	(0)	127	(127)
K D James (175)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
B P Julian (176)	165	(115)	4	(3)	245	(175)
J H Kallis (177)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Lampitt (178)	91	(0)	6	(1)	211	(20)
S Lee (179)	169	(82)	6	(3)	280	(142)
C C Lewis (180)	113	(71)	8	(5)	273	(171)
G W Mike (181)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A C Morris (182)	60	(0)	1	(0)	80	(0)
Mushtaq Ahmed (183)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Nash (184)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A L Penberthy (185)	43	(12)	6	(1)	163	(32)
S M Pollock (186)	24	(24)	4	(4)	104	(104)
D A Reeve (187)	168	(168)	2	(2)	208	(208)
G D Rose (188)	30	(29)	14	(13)	310	(289)
V S Solanki (189)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A W Smith (190)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N M K Smith (191)	48	(28)	7	(3)	188	(88)
P A Smith (192)	2	(0)	1	(0)	22	(0)
J N Snape (193)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J P Stephenson (194)	133	(86)	0	(0)	133	(86)
C M Tolley (195)	34	(21)	2	(0)	74	(21)
Wasim Akram (196)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Watkinson (197)	57	(1)	9	(4)	237	(81)
G Welch (198)	35	(0)	8	(4)	195	(80)
C M Wells (199)	111	(31)	2	(2)	151	(71)
V J Wells (200)	118	(4)	1	(0)	138	(4)
P N Weekes (201)	184	(92)	1	(0)	204	(92)
C White (202)	76	(61)	12	(5)	316	(161)
J R Wileman (203)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)

Wicketkeepers (225-256)

A N Aymes (225)	147	(117)	9	(5)	327	(217)
R J Blakey (226)	79	(32)	8	(1)	239	(52)
K R Brown (227)	78	(33)	5	(2)	178	(73)
M Burns (228)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S P Griffiths (229)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W K Hegg (230)	163	(134)	9	(4)	343	(214)
P C L Holloway (231)	104	(50)	1	(1)	124	(70)
G J Kersey (232)	8	(5)	6	(4)	128	(85)
J A Knott (233)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
K M Krikken (234)	127	(47)	8	(2)	287	(87)
D G C Ligertwood (235)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S A Marsh (236)	65	(55)	2	(1)	105	(75)
C P Metson (237)	14	(0)	5	(2)	114	(40)
P Moores (238)	72	(52)	0	(0)	72	(52)
N R Mongia (239)	11	(11)	1	(1)	31	(31)
P A Nixon (240)	237	(106)	8	(2)	397	(146)
W M Noon (241)	24	(24)	4	(0)	104	(24)
K J Piper (242)	17	(11)	4	(4)	97	(91)
Rashid Latif (243)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J Rhodes (244)	64	(53)	3	(1)	124	(73)
D Ripley (245)	39	(5)	3	(2)	99	(45)
R J Rollins (246)	65	(32)	13	(3)	325	(92)
R C Russell (247)	40	(0)	4	(0)	120	(0)
N F Sargeant (248)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C W Scott (249)	77	(68)	6	(3)	197	(128)
A D Shaw (250)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Turner (251)	10	(4)	8	(5)	170	(104)
L N Walker (252)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Warren (253)	237	(201)	3	(1)	297	(221)
P Whitticase (254)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R C J Williams (255)	9	(9)	1	(1)	29	(29)
S C Willis (256)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)

Bowlers (275-404)

P R Adams (275)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J A Afford (276)	2	(2)	7	(3)	142	(62)
U Afzaal (277)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P Aldred (278)	9	(5)	5	(2)	109	(45)
C E L Ambrose (279)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J W Andrew (280)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Aqib Javed (281)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M C J Ball (282)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Barwick (283)	4	(0)	1	(0)	24	(0)
S J Base (284)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R T Bates (285)	0	(0)	3	(0)	60	(0)
J D Batty (286)	44	(44)	0	(0)	44	(44)
M A V Bell (287)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J E Benjamin (288)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W K M Benjamin (289)	122	(122)	4	(4)	202	(202)
M M Betts (290)	9	(9)	12	(7)	249	(149)
M P Bicknell (291)	32	(13)	8	(5)	192	(113)
S D Birbeck (292)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
D J P Boden (293)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Boiling (294)	22	(20)	2	(0)	62	(20)
J N B Bovill (295)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M T Brimson (296)	0	(0)	4	(4)	80	(80)
J E Brinkley (297)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J E Brown (298)	15	(15)	10	(4)	215	(95)
A R Caddick (299)	7	(7)	2	(2)	47	(47)
R J Chapman (300)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G Chapple (301)	41	(0)	7	(0)	181	(0)
J H Childs (302)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
V P Clarke (303)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C A Connor (304)	47	(47)	5	(4)	147	(127)
K E Cooper (305)	5	(0)	5	(0)	105	(0)
D M Cousins (306)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A P Cowan (307)	3	(0)	3	(0)	63	(0)
D M Cox (308)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R P Davis (309)	43	(16)	4	(4)	123	(96)
J M De La Pena (310)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N A Derbyshire (311)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R R Dibden (312)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Dimond (313)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Edwards (314)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S W K Ellis (315)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S Elworthy (316)	116	(18)	6	(3)	236	(78)
A R C Fraser (317)	20	(12)	8	(4)	180	(92)
E S H Giddins (318)	9	(0)	10	(1)	209	(20)
A F Giles (319)	17	(0)	9	(5)	197	(100)
D Gough (320)	61	(4)	6	(2)	181	(44)
R J Green (321)	14	(0)	6	(0)	134	(0)
J C Hallett (322)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G M Hamilton (323)	0	(0)	2	(0)	40	(0)
A J Harris (324)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P J Hartley (325)	15	(5)	4	(0)	95	(5)
D W Headley (326)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J E Hindson (327)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J G Hughes (328)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A P Igglesden (329)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R K Illingworth (330)	98	(0)	5	(0)	198	(0)
M C Ilott (331)	71	(13)	9	(1)	251	(33)
P W Jarvis (332)	73	(28)	3	(1)	133	(48)
R L Johnson (333)	44	(44)	2	(2)	84	(84)
G Keedy (334)	12	(4)	2	(2)	52	(44)
N M Kendrick (335)	16	(16)	2	(2)	56	(56)
S G Kenlock (336)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J I D Kerr (337)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A A Khan (338)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N Killeen (339)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
R J Kirtley (340)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A Kumble (341)	7	(7)	3	(3)	67	(67)
R P Lefebvre (342)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Lewis (343)	28	(22)	5	(2)	128	(62)
J D Lewry (344)	0	(0)	3	(0)	60	(0)
M J McCague (345)	77	(77)	8	(6)	237	(197)
D E Malcolm (346)	0	(0)	9	(6)	180	(120)
N A Mallender (347)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P J Martin (348)	54	(34)	2	(1)	94	(54)
R S C Martin-Jenkins (349)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Maru (350)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S M Milburn (352)	44	(27)	5	(5)	144	(127)
D J Millns (353)	82	(73)	9	(2)	262	(113)
A D Mullally (354)	8	(7)	12	(0)	248	(7)
T A Munton (355)	54	(0)	10	(0)	254	(0)
P J Newport (356)	68	(0)	3	(0)	128	(0)
R W Nowell (357)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Ormond (358)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G J Parsons (359)	35	(0)	4	(0)	115	(0)
M M Patel (360)	44	(39)	6	(1)	164	(59)
R M Pearson (361)	8	(0)	6	(6)	128	(120)
D B Pennett (362)	15	(15)	7	(4)	155	(95)
N C Phillips (363)	100	(35)	2	(2)	140	(75)
R A Pick (364)	10	(10)	0	(0)	10	(10)
A R K Pierson (365)	20	(0)	6	(4)	140	(80)
A C S Pigott (366)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
V J Pike (367)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S L V Raju (368)	0	(0)	1	(1)	20	(20)
A R Roberts (369)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M A Robinson (370)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
I D K Salisbury (371)	54	(0)	3	(0)	114	(0)
Saqlain Mushtaq (372)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
B N Schultz (373)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J P Searle (374)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Shadford (375)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
K P Sheeraz (376)	3	(3)	1	(1)	23	(23)
A Sheriyar (377)	1	(0)	6	(3)	121	(60)
K J Shine (378)	59	(19)	9	(2)	239	(59)
C E W Silverwood (379)	0	(0)	2	(2)	40	(40)
G C Small (380)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A M Smith (381)	32	(0)	10	(0)	232	(0)
D J Spencer (382)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Srinath (383)	50	(50)	6	(6)	170	(170)
E J Stanford (384)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R D Stemp (385)	28	(20)	3	(1)	88	(40)
P M Such (386)	1	(1)	8	(8)	161	(161)
J P Taylor (387)	0	(0)	8	(3)	160	(60)
S D Thomas (388)	24	(2)	4	(0)	104	(2)
J B Thompson (389)	24	(24)	7	(5)	164	(124)
M J Thursfield (390)	30	(0)	3	(0)	90	(0)
H R J Trump (391)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A J Tudor (392)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P C R Tufnell (393)	13	(13)	1	(1)	33	(33)
S D Udal (394)	60	(54)	2	(1)	100	(74)
A P van Troost (395)	6	(0)	3	(0)	66	(0)
C A Walsh (396)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A Walker (397)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A E Warner (398)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
S L Watkin (399)	0	(0)	9	(3)	180	(60)
Waqar Younis (400)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N F Williams (401)	54	(15)	8	(2)	214	(55)
J Wood (402)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T N Wren (403)	15	(7)	1	(0)	35	(7)
G Yates (404)	5	(0)	0	(0)	5	(0)

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York victory propels Kelleway-trained colt to 5-1 favouritism for Derby

Glory Of Dancer steps lively in Dante

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Glory Of Dancer, ridden by Peslier, holds off the determined challenge of Dushyantor in the Dante Stakes at York yesterday

A DANTE Stakes designed to answer most of the Derby questions served only to confuse yesterday as Glory Of Dancer won a race which was more of a sprint than a true test for a potential middle-distance champion.

The dawdle which saw Jack Jennings reluctantly tow his six rivals into the straight before they sprinted to the line was reflected in a time 2½ seconds slower than that recorded during an inferior race for fillies over the same distance earlier in the afternoon.

While it is possible to draw certain conclusions from the classic trial, most notably that the disappointing Nash House is no longer a serious Epsom candidate, the form of the race is barely worth the paper it is written on — and the placings could easily be reversed in the Derby.

After the blistering last half-mile, Glory Of Dancer, trained by Paul Kelleway and ridden by the French jockey, Olivier Peslier, finished half a length clear of Dushyantor with Jack Jennings a length away third. Nash House was a further length behind in fourth, ahead of Double Leaf and Storm Trooper.

Turning for home, Glory Of Dancer and, rather surprisingly given his proven stamina, Dushyantor were at the rear of the field and it was Nash House who made the first move as he cruised up towards the lead.

However, when John Reid asked for a maximum effort, Lord Weinstock's colt — who had drifted from a morning price of 11-10 to 5-2 — found little and after the race he was distressed.

Meanwhile, Glory Of Dancer threaded his way through the field to hit the front inside the final furlong and always looked like holding Dushyantor, who challenged down the middle of the track.

No horse beaten in the Dante has gone on to win the Derby, but that trend will face a severe challenge next month. I believe Dushyantor, with Pat Eddery almost certain to replace Willie Ryan, will be much better suited by a strong end-to-end gallop and can reverse the Dante placings.

The response of the big bookmakers echoed the sense of uncertainty surrounding the result. The big three promoted Glory Of Dancer to 5-1 favourite for Epsom, but only on sufferance. Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes, said: "It has posed more questions than it has answered. The winner has to be favourite, but a very uneasy one."

Coral bet: 5-1 Glory Of Dancer (from 14-1), 11-2 Even Top, 7-1 Dushyantor and Mark Of Esteem, 8-1 Alhaarth, 12-1 others.

Glory Of Dancer was trained in Italy last year by Fabio Brogi before his owner, Franco Statero, moved him to Kelleway. A 50 per cent share was sold last Friday to Antonio Balzarini, whose colours were carried to success in the Arc by Carroll House. Kelleway said: "The Derby will suit my horse better, he will get carried to the line more. I wanted a faster gallop today but it didn't matter. I have a lot more left to work on."

Peslier, 23, is a leading jockey in France and won the Irish Derby last year on Winged Love, but he had no hesitation in saying Glory Of Dancer was the best horse he has ridden.

Henry Cecil said of Dushyantor: "I am not disappointed. The horse has done everything right. He needed that and will come on a lot. They didn't go fast enough for me so I have to be pleased. He goes to Epsom with every chance."

Unless the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Stakes produces an outstanding winner this afternoon, it will be no surprise if Cecil and Eddery help to push Dushyantor towards outright favouritism by Derby day.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DR MASSINI
(2.00 York)
Next best: Pontabula
(8.00 Folkestone)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *43*

BLATANT BEAST

(b) In Spenser's *Faerie Queene* (books V, VI) "a dreadful fiend of gods and men, ydrad": the type of calumny or slander. He was *born of Cerberus and Chimaera, and had 100 tongues and a* sting. With his tongues he speaks things "most shameful, most unrighteous, most untrue"; and with his sting "steeps them in poison". Sir Calidore muzzled him and drew him with a chain to Fairyland, but the beast escaped. The word *blatant* seems to have been coined by Spenser and probably comes from the provincial dialect word *blate* to bellow.

MANTUAN SWAN

(c) The greatest poet of ancient Rome, Publius Virgilius Maro (70-19 BC), born near Mantua (hence called the *Mantuan Swan*, though swans do not in fact sing). His main works are the *Aeneid*, the *Eclogues* or *Bucolics*, and the *Georgics*.

MANSARD

(a) A mansard roof is a curved roof. The eponym of the French architect François *Mansard* (1598-1666), although this roof was used by Pierre Lescot at the Louvre c. 1550. Instead of forming an inverted V, the rafters are broken and the lower slope is *almost perpendicular, the upper more nearly flat.* It was in use in America in the old colonial days and there the term denotes a double-pitched roof, sloping up from the four sides of a building. Where it ends in two gables it is called a *gambrel* roof.

GALLIO

(c) A name applied to a person, particularly an official whose main characteristic is one of indifference, especially to things outside his province. "And Gallio cared for none of these things." (*Acts*, xviii, 17.)

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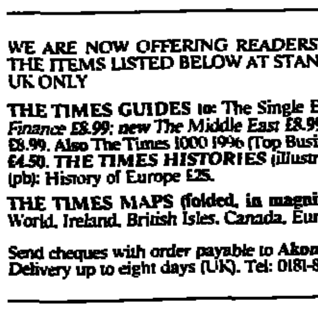

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2.35: Promptly is hard to assess. Michael Stoute's representative should be unbeaten in two starts, both at six furlongs, and steps up to a mile here. She will go close but faces strong opposition from those lower down the weights. Charlie Chang did well to rally for fourth at Newmarket after losing his action. He has nothing to fear from Truancy and Sky Dome on that showing. However, **Mawingo** is preferred. After three outings for his handicap mark, he came good at Warwick and looks on the upgrade.

3.05: **Double Bluff** is on an *attractive mark for his handicap* debut. He has contested three above-average maidens, notably when caught close home by Mick's Love over a mile at Haydock last term. The drop back to seven furlongs should suit him. After a *lengthy absence*, Royal Mark ran promisingly at Newmarket and should now be at concert pitch.

3.40: Classic Cliche, the St Leger winner, has a fine turn of foot for a stayer and will not lack for fitness. However, he is a better horse with some give underfoot. The same was thought true of **Strategic Choice** but he ran his best race on a fast surface when third in last season's King George. This galloping track should better suit Strategic Choice, who won first time last term. Grey Shot mastered Court Of Honour at Longchamp in September and should confirm that form.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

4.10: Although heavily penalised, **Diffident** has the class to pass this test. He showed tremendous speed to catch Harayir in the Free Handicap last year and should have been freshened by wintering in Dubai. With Branston Abby yet to strike form, the three-year-olds pose a more potent threat. Passion For Life, Westcourt Magic, Lucky Lionel and Thrilling Day all have claims. Preference is for Westcourt Magic, who finished strongly over the minimum trip last time.

Julian Muscat

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER
6.00 Rustic Ramble. 6.30 Transplant Blue. 7.00 Strong Gold. 7.30 Over The Edge. 8.00 Pontabula. 8.30 Chilipour.

Carl Evans: 6.00 Berrings Dasher. 6.30 Stede Quarter. 7.00 Cardinal Red. 7.30 Over The Edge. 8.00 Pontabula. 8.30 Chilipour.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.00 PETT FARM EQUESTRIAN SERVICES CHALLENGE CUP MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,527: 2m 5f) (9 runners)

1	5201	BASHER BILL 10P (F,G) K Giles 13-12-7	Mrs E Coveney (7)
2	-1PP	BEACH TIGER 10P (F) T Hills 12-12-7	T Hills (7)
3	P323	BERRINGS DASHER 10P (F) Ms S Braithwaite 9-12-7	A Welsh (7)
4	F-PP	MAN OF ICE 5P C Coyne 10-12-7	C Coyne (7)
5	1-11	RUSTIC RAMBLE 10P (F,G) W Hacking 10-12-7	P Hacking (3)
6	13-P	TOM FURZE 9 (F) Mrs D Buckett 9-12-7	R Nuttall (7)
7	P15P	ALZAMINA 10P (F,S) J Best 10-12-2	P O'Keeffe (7)
8	PP	BUBBLES GALORE 38P Mrs D McCarthy 5-12-0	T McCarthy (5)
9	FP2	TED'S KNIGHT 26P P Channings 5-12-0	A Phillips (7)

Evens Rustic Ramble, 3-1 Basher Bill, 5-1 Tom Furze, 8-1 Berrings Dasher, 10-1 Alzamina, 25-1 Beach Tiger, 33-1 others.

6.30 EUROCHARING NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,839: 3m 2f) (8)

1	3534	BRIGHT HOUR 10P (F,S) Mrs B Ansell 11-12-7	M Gorman (7)
2	F41F	ROLLESTON BLADE 16 (F,S) J Best 9-12-7	P Bull (7)
3	1P42	STEDE QUARTER 10P (F,G) R Dench 9-12-7	P Hickman (7)
4	P431	TAU 10P (F) Miss F McLachlan 11-12-7	A Warr (7)
5	1213	TRANSPLANT BLUE 25P (F,G) C Coyne 13-12-7	S Goodings (7)
6	P3P2	MANAOLANA 18P (G) Mrs G Worsley 8-12-2	G Hopper (7)
7	31UP	TRUE MEASURE 25P (S) J Best 9-12-2	A Welsh (7)
8	3332	SALMON RIVER 10P Mrs J Read 5-12-0	R Walley (7)

5-2 Transplant Blue, 4-1 Stede Quarter, 9-2 Rolleston Blade, 6-1 Tau, Salmon River, 7-1 Manaolana, 12-1 others.

7.00 IBS APPEAL OPEN HUNTERS CHASE

(Amateurs: £2,180: 3m 2f) (7)

1	2324	AMERICAN EYRE 33P (G,S) Mrs G Gladders 11-12-7	Miss S Gladders (7)
2	1P30	FOLK DANCE 15 (V,F,G,S) S Breen 14-12-7	F Jackson (7)
3	7352	JOHN O'DEE 33P (CD,F,G,S) M Johnson 13-12-7	I Marsh (7)
4	321P	STRONG GOLD 15 (B,F,G) Mrs McCarthy 13-12-7	T McCarthy (5)
5	3242	THE PORTSOY LOON 18P (B,S) Mrs S Hickman 9-12-7	A Hickman (7)
6	4846	TRUST THE GYPSY 15 (F,G,S) J Dutosee 14-12-7	R Nuttall (7)
7	64U1	CARDINAL RED 18P (F,G,S) J Turner 9-12-0	Miss L Hollis (7)

5-2 Cardinal Red, 7-2 Folk Dance, Strong Gold, 4-1 John O'Dee, 6-1 The Portsoy Loon, 7-1 American Eyre, 20-1 Trust The Gypsy.

7.30 SHEPHERD NEAME UNITED HUNTS OPEN CHAMPION HUNTERS CHASE

SKY

(Amateurs: £2,783: 3m 7f) (9)

1	0161	OVER THE EDGE 10P (F,G,S) S Sporborg 10-12-3	S Sporborg (7)
2	2624	SONOFAGIPSY 10 (F,G) J Dutosee 12-12-3	R Nuttall (7)
3	4325	COLONEL KENSON 16 (S) R Barr 10-12-0	M Gingell (7)
4	2451	EMSEE-H 26P (C,F,G,S) J Turner 11-12-0	Miss L Hollis (7)
5	3P2P	HIZAL 1 (F) H Manners 7-12-0	A Charles-Jones (7)
6	3520	MOTOR CLOAK 16 (B,S) Mrs R Burrow 10-12-0	Miss C Savell (7)
7	-2UP	PAT ALASKA 54P (F,S) Miss C Wates 13-12-0	Miss C Wates (7)
8	0554	WOODLANDS GENHIRE 16 (V,F) P Pritchard 11-12-0	J Pritchard (7)
9	311P	KATES CASTLE 12P (F,G) Mrs S Hickman 9-11-9	J Van Praagh (7)

5-4 Over The Edge, 3-1 Emsee-H, 4-1 Kates Castle, 6-1 Sonofagipsy, 14-1 Colonel Kenson, 16-1 Woodlands Genhire, 20-1 others.

8.00 GRANT'S CHERRY BRANDY SOUTH EAST CHAMPION NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE

SKY

(Final: amateurs: £1,800: 2m 5f) (10)

1	1640	BEAT THE RAP 12 (G) M Pepper 10-12-7	G Morrison (7)
2	3150	FATHERS FOOTPRINTS 15 (G) Mrs C Hicks 8-12-7	R Hicks (7)
3	-331	GOLDEN EYE 18P (S) N King 8-12-7	N King (7)
4	F1FF	HIGH BURNSHOT 10P (F) Mrs G Gladders 9-12-7	A Welsh (7)
5	F1U3	KELBURNE LAD 25P (F) Mrs D Silk 7-12-7	P Bull (7)
6	3D13	LOCAL MANOR 10P (F,G) J Dunlop 9-12-7	H Dunlop (7)
7	3202	PALLINGHAM STAR 12P L Wells 6-12-7	P O'Keeffe (7)
8	21F1	PONTABULA 18P (F) P Greenwood 6-12-7	A Charles-Jones (7)
9	3P52	SPAR COPSE 26P J Dutosee 13-12-7	Miss A Goschen (7)
10	F221	VELKA 18P (F) Mrs S Hickman 7-12-2	Mrs S Hickman (7)

5-2 Pontabula, 7-2 Golden Eye, 4-1 Velka, 5-1 Kelburne Lad, 6-1 Spar Copse, Pallingham Star, 10-1 Local Manor, 12-1 others

8.30 KENT & SURREY BLOODHOUNDS UNITED HUNTS OPEN CHALLENGE CUP HUNTERS CHASE

SKY

(Amateurs: £2,128: 2m 5f) (10)

1	3412	AMARI KING 12 (CD,BF,F,G) J Wall 12-12-11	C Ward Thomas (7)
2	1111	CHILIPOUR 10 (F,G,S) V Dartnall 9-12-11	N Harris (7)
3	P444	COUNTERBID 16 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Turner 9-12-11	A Sansome (5)
4	1321	SPITFIRE JUBILEE 10P (F) Mrs Sydenmoore 10-12-11	R Nuttall (7)
5	3402	NOTARY-NOWELL 19P (B,G) S Andrews 10-12-7	S Andrews (3)
6	0255	OLD ROAD 10P (B,F,G,S) C Coyne 10-12-7	C Coyne (7)
7	U-12	PRINCE ZEUS 25P (F,G,S) D Knowles 12-12-7	T McCarthy (5)
8	RU13	QUARTER MARKER 10P (F) K Tork 8-12-7	D M Loughnane (7)
9	P-FP	RAH WAN 3 (F) P Channings 10-12-7	C Vigors (5)
10	R221	RETAIL RUNNER 38P (G,S) Miss S Edwards 11-12-7	T Hills (7)

6-4 Chilipour, 9-4 Amari King, 5-1 Spitfire Jubilee, 6-1 Retail Runner, 8-1 Prince Zeus, 12-1 Counterbid, 25-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

FOLKESTONE: Trainers: No qualifiers. Jockeys: P Bull, 3 from 14, 21.4%. Only qualifier.

PERTH: Trainers: Mrs M Reveley, 24 winners from 56 runners, 42.9%; M Hammond, 23 from 84, 27.4%; P Beaumont, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Goldie, 4 from 22, 18.2%; P Monteith, 15 from 85, 17.6%; G Richards, 19 from 122, 15.6%. Jockeys: R Guest, 5 winners from 24 rides, 20.8%; G Cahill, 3 from 17, 17.6%; T Reed, 8 from 50, 16.0%; M Moloney, 3 from 20, 15.0%; L O'Hara, 9 from 66, 13.6%; D Bentley, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

PERTH

THUNDERER
1.50 Bowland Country. 2.20 Stash The Cash. 2.55 Grand Scenery. 3.30 Adamatic. 4.00 Johns The Boy. 4.30 Wudimp. 5.00 Dantes Amour.

Carl Evans: 4.30 Wudimp.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

1.50 NEWMILN COUNTRY ESTATE MAIDEN HURDLE

(£2,961: 2m 4f 110yd) (18 runners)

1	0022	BOWLANDS COUNTRY 13 G Moore 5-11-4	N Bentley
2	-PP0	BROOMHILL DUKER 15 J Hellens 5-11-4	A Thornton
3	6504	FINE TUNE 22 Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-4	B Storey
4	-0PP	GROG 31 D Swindlehurst 7-11-4	Mr D Swindlehurst
5	2F22	JUBRAN 22 J Dodds 10-11-4	R Guest
6	-000	KINGS LANE 12 J Dun 7-11-4	D Parker (3)
7	00	MELODY DANCER 87 J Andrews 5-11-4	A Watt (7)
8	P323	MUSIC BLITZ 13 Mrs D Thomson 5-11-4	T Reed
9	50-6	MUZRAK 38 M Hammond 5-11-4	R Garritty
10	050P	POP IN THERE 21 J Birkett 8-11-4	J Burke
11	-006	THE BEACON RUSTLER 28 F Watson 6-11-4	G Cahill (3)
12	6436	BLOOMING SPRING 13 Mrs D Thomson 7-10-13	L O'Hara
13	F0/	CABBERY ROSE 775 P Graffin 8-10-13	P Carberry
14	00	CELTIC COMMA 92 W Reed 5-10-13	M Moloney
15	0-P6	FAUSTNLUCE LADY 13 W Smith 7-10-13	S Taylor (7)
16	P8	ISLANDREAGH 15 G Richards 5-10-13	B Harding
17	P	MINNIES TURN 238 T Dalgetty 5-10-13	S Melrose (7)
18	505-	PEACHY BEACH 384 N Mason 6-10-13	S Haworth (7)

5-2 Bowlands Country, 3-1 Jubran, 7-1 Muzrak, 10-1 Music Blitz, 12-1 Fine Tune, Blooming Spring, 14-1 The Beacon Rustler, 16-1 others.

2.20 RHONE-POULENC SEED PROTECTION NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,048: 2m 110yd) (13)

1	2050	STASH THE CASH 20 (D,G,S) T Dyer 5-12-0	A Linton (7)
2	P26P	SPEAKER'S HOUSE 22 (F) Miss L Russell 7-11-5	A Thornton
3	6401	EIGHT SHARP 21 (CD,S) M Hammond 4-11-1	R Garritty
4	4054	CAMPTOSAURUS 30 D Alder 7-10-12	B Harding
5	0146	FLINTLOCK 7 (F) H Alexander 6-10-12	R McGrath (5)
6	F2F0	JUNGLE RITES 76 (D,G,S) Miss Z Green 8-10-12	K Jones
7	0UP	KEMO SABO 20F C Parker 4-10-8	D Parker (3)
8	0000	KILLBALLY BOY 61 J Johnson 6-10-7	P Carberry
9	303P	STYLISH ROSE 22 P Cheesbrough 6-10-4	R Supple
10	4005	PEGGY GORDON 20 (F) Mrs D Thomson 5-10-4	G McCormack (7)
11	3535	TEEJAY'N'AITCH 8F J Goldie 4-10-2	G Cahill (3)
12	0-0P	LOGANI 38 D Nolan 6-10-0	D Wilkinson
13	045P	SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 20 R McKellar 6-10-0	S Haworth (7)

4-1 Stash The Cash, 5-1 Eight Sharp, Peggy Gordon, 6-1 Camptosaurus, 8-1 Flintlock, 10-1 Speaker's House, Teejay'n'aitch, 16-1 others.

2.55 TULLIS SPIRAP HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,358: 3m) (11)

1	2232	GOLDEN FIDDLE 15 (BF,S) J Oliver 8-11-10	B Storey
2	F246	OFF THE BRU 15 (D,F) S Bradburne 11-11-5	Mr M Bradburne (7)
3	13-2	UNOR 40 (CD,F,G) P Monteith 10-11-5	G Cahill (3)
4	1P23	GRAND SCENERY 7 (D,F,G) J Johnson 8-11-1	P Carberry
5	6534	THE GREEN FOOL 13 (F) V Thompson 9-10-11	Mr M Thompson
6	-PPP	ISLAND GALE 28 (S) D McCune 11-10-10	R Guest
7	1F54	BITACRACK 40 (F,G) J Birkett 9-10-7	L O'Hara
8	0844	FUNNY OLD GAME 27 (D,S) D McCune 9-10-2	A Thornton
9	4100	DALUSMAN 12 (B,F) J Birkett 8-10-0	B Harding
10	0061	BISHOPDALE 12 (CD,F,G,S) S Chadwick 15-10-0	D Bentley
11	F2UF	THE GALLOPIN'MAJOR 6 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0	N Smith

11-4 Golden Fiddle, 7-2 Unor, 9-2 Grand Scenery, 6-1 Bitacrack, 7-1 Bishopdale, 8-1 The Gallopin'major, 10-1 others.

3.30 MACDONALDS SOLICITORS QUICK RANSOM NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,905: 2m 110yd) (5)

1	1323	ADAMATIC 15 (F) R Allan 5-11-0	B Storey
2	0-P0	GRANDERISE 24 D Swindlehurst 6-11-0	Mr D Swindlehurst
3	0F	TIOTAO 15 C Parker 6-11-0	D Parker (3)
4	0P/	MISS TINO 832 J Dodds 6-10-9	R Guest
5	P	WHITEMOSS LEADER 22 J Barclay 6-10-9	A Thornton

4-9 Adamatic, 13-2 Granderise, 8-1 Tiotao, 14-1 Miss Tino, 25-1 Whitemoss Leader.

4.00 TULLIS PLASTICS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,599: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1	5655	DANCING DOVE 45 (F,G) G Richards 8-11-11	B Harding
2	1F11	GLENUGIE 15 (V,F,S) G Moore 5-11-5	N Bentley
3	-152	JOHNS THE BOY 21 (CD,G,S) N Mason 10-11-1	S Haworth (7)
4	5024	TWIN FALLS 7 (G) G Moore 5-10-13	J Callaghan
5	0101	SEDVICTA 52 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-11	G Cahill (3)
6	1335	BLUE CHARM 26 (D,F) Mrs S Bradburne 6-10-9	T Reed
7	F431	TOUGH TEST 26 (F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-10-7	R Guest
8	5583	NICHOLAS PLANT 15 (D,S) J Goldie 7-10-4	D Parker (3)
9	3532	TOPOTHENORTHRACING 19 (S) P Beaumont 6-10-4	R Supple
10	402P	TOPFORMER 28 (CD,F) F Watson 9-10-0	D Bentley
11	2441	LEVEL EDGE 13 (G) H Alexander 5-10-0	R McGrath (5)

3-1 Glenugie, 5-1 Johns The Boy, Tough Test, 6-1 Sedvicta, 7-1 Dancing Dove, 8-1 Blue Charm, 12-1 others.

4.30 LINLITHGOW & STIRLINGSHIRE HUNT NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE

(£2,136: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1	2111	LITTLE WENLOCK 7 (C,F) Mrs D Gibson 12-12-8	Mrs V Jackson (5)
2	2111	WUDIMP 49 (F,G,S) Mrs J Storey 7-12-8	C Storey (5)
3	P/11	ABERCROMBY COMET 45 S S-Bowen 11-12-5	Miss S Forster (7)
4	U146	RISKY DEE 24 (F,G) V Thompson 7-12-5	M Thompson (3)
5	2U13	FREE TRANSFER 12P (F) D Fairbairn 7-12-0	C Bonner (3)
6	P5U8	GOOD PROFIT 5P W Young 7-12-0	T Scott (7)
7	SF11	MASTER KIT 12P (B,S) J Billinge 7-12-0	J Billinge
8	6BU6	QUIXALL CROSSETT 12 (B) E Caine 11-12-0	M H Naughton (7)
9	442U	MADAME BECK 5P R Smith 7-11-9	R M Smith (7)

9-4 Wudimp, 3-1 Little Wenlock, Abercromby Comet, 6-1 Master Kit, 8-1 others.

5.00 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

(£1,966: 2m 110yd) (9)

1		CHASE THE SUN P Graffin 5-11-10	Mr P Graffin
2		CHEATER J Johnson 5-11-10	D Parker (3)
3		DANTES AMOUR M Hammond 5-11-10	Mr C Bonner (3)
4	0	ALAN'S PRIDE 26 W McKeown 5-11-5	G Cahill (3)
5		BIT O MAGIC R Allan 4-11-5	S Melrose (7)
6	0	CHERRY DEE 31 P Beaumont 5-11-5	Mrs A Farrell
7	23	PRIMITIVE HEART 31 (BF) J Johnson 4-11-5	S Taylor (7)
8		SIOUX WARRIOR C Thornton 4-11-5	N Horrocks (7)
9	0	SINGING PROFIT 26 W Young 4-11-0	R Murphy (7)

5-2 Primitive Heart, 4-1 Sioux Warrior, 9-2 Dantes Amour, 5-1 others.

YORK

THUNDERER

2.00 King Alex
2.35 Winter Romance
3.05 Letluce
3.40 Classic Cliche
4.10 Venture Capitalist
4.40 Hawait
5.10 **MEDAILLE MILITAIRE** (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 **DR MASSINI** (nap). 2.35 Winter Romance. 3.05 Tarneem.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 MICHAEL SEELY MEMORIAL GLASGOW CONDITIONS STAKES

(3-Y-O colts and geldings: £8,390: 1m 2f 85yd) (6 runners)

101	(6)	415-	ASTOR PLACE 214 (G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12	J Reid	[illegible]
102	(4)	1	DR MASSINI 10 (F) (M Tabor) M Stoute 8-12	M J Kinane	91
103	(2)	1	KING ALEX 19 (D,G) (W Said) R Charlton 8-12	Pat Eddery	89
104	(3)	1-20	MIRONOV 18 (G) (Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra SRL) M Channon 8-12	R Hughes	95
105	(5)	0-0	RADIANT STAR 30 (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-9	Paul Eddery	74
106	(1)	30-5	VAN GURP 26 (Barouche Stud Ltd) B McMahon 8-9	S Sanders	83

BETTING: 6-4 King Alex, 9-4 Astor Place, 11-4 Dr Massini, 8-1 Mironov, 14-1 Radiant Star, 25-1 Van Gurp.

1995: TAMURE 9-2 L Dettori (5-4 fav) J Gosden 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASTOR PLACE about 3¼l 5th of 7 to Loup Solitaire in group I Grand Criterium at Longchamp (1m, good to firm). DR MASSINI beat Wall Street 1¼l in maiden at Kempton (1m, good to firm). KING ALEX beat Get Away With It 2½l in maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good). MIRONOV 3l 5th to Dancer Mitral in group II Italian 2,000 Guineas at Capannelle (1m, soft). RADIANT STAR 7¼l 7th of 16 to Dovaly in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: DR MASSINI

2.35 LAMBSON-KNIGHT AIR HANDICAP

C4

(3-Y-O: £7,960: 7f 202yd) (13 runners)

201	(11)	1623-05	BULLFINCH 19 (F) (R Cooper) P Walwyn 9-7	Pat Eddery	93
202	(7)	0165-0	TRUANCY 13 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Bell 9-5	M Fenton	90
203	(4)	0620-41	THERHEA 27 (D,S) (R Gudge, C Lewis, M Calvert) B Meehan 9-2	T Quinn	[illegible]
204	(8)	032-	WINTER ROMANCE 219 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0	Paul Eddery	92
205	(9)	2-1	PROMPTLY 23 (G) (J Wigan) M Stoute 9-0	J Reid	93
206	(13)	614-16	SKY DOME 13 (BF,F,G) (Miss D Merson) M Tompkins 8-9	N Day	94
207	(5)	011-33	MYBOTYE 21 (F,G) (A Meroney) G Oldroyd 8-7	J Weaver	91
208	(12)	021-	MISSILE 213 (F) (J Bogie) W Haggas 8-7	R Cochrane	97
209	(3)	522-0	INDIAN RELATIVE 16 (V Matya) R Guest 8-1	W Carson	91
210	(6)	01-4	CHARLIE CHANG 13 (D,G) (Mrs C Hoare) R Hannon 8-1	S Sanders	97
211	(10)	000-241	SPIRITO LIBRO 11 (D,F) (Camelot Racing) C Allen 8-0	Martin Dwyer (7)	95
212	(1)	65-61	MAWINGO 10 (F) (Mrs C Lilley) G Wragg 7-12 (5ex)	J Quinn	96
213	(2)	01332P-	RUSSIAN RASCAL 238 (G) (C Stevens) T Easterby 7-10	L Charnock	87

Long handicap: Russian Rascal 7-8.

BETTING: 4-1 Promptly, 9-2 Winter Romance, 6-1 Missile, 7-1 Spirito Libro, 8-1 Indian Relative, 10-1 others.

1995: CLASSICY 9-1 W R Swinburn (5-2 fav) M Stoute 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BULLFINCH 7l 5th of 14 to Sorbie Tower in handicap at Sandown (1m, good). THERHEA beat Polar Prince 5l in handicap at Newbury (1m, good to soft). WINTER ROMANCE neck 2nd of 14 to Don Micheletto in maiden at Leicester (7f, good). PROMPTLY beat Bollin Joanne 1¼l in maiden at Pontefract (6f, good). MYBOTYE 4l 3rd of 7 to Coyote Bluff in handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). MISSILE beat Lady Bankes 1l in maiden auction at Pontefract (6f, firm). INDIAN RELATIVE best effort ½l 2nd of 12 to Hilzata in maiden auction at Catterick (7f, good to firm). CHARLIE CHANG 1¼l 4th of 11 to Angel Chimes in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with SKY DOME (3lb worse off) ¾l 6th and TRUANCY (3lb worse off) 3¼l 9th. SPIRITO LIBRO beat She's My Love 1¼l in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). MAWINGO beat Sylva Paradise ¾l in handicap at Warwick (7f, firm).
Selection: MYBOYTE

3.05 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP

C4

(3-Y-O: £19,088: 6f 214yd) (14 runners)

301	(8)	0110-63	KING OF PERU 11 (F,G) (L Fust) A Jarvis 9-7	J Tate	85
302	(2)	02200-6	PRINCE ASLIA 40 (F) (Mrs R Daniels) M Johnston 9-2	J Weaver	87
303	(11)	16-50	LETLUCE 10 (D,G) (A Robinson) J Arnold 9-2	M J Kinane	[illegible]
304	(3)	31120-5	ROYAL MARK 11 (D,F,G) (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 8-9	Pat Eddery	92
305	(12)	522-6	TARNEEM 11 (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9	J Reid	91
306	(4)	0224-24	IAMUS 28 (Hesmonds Stud) P Walwyn 8-9	R Cochrane	86
307	(14)	42-6	DOUBLE BLUFF 26 (J Smith) I Balding 8-6	K Darley	88
308	(7)	0316-0	PAINT IT BLACK 13 (D,G) (M Pescod) R Hannon 8-6	T Quinn	90
309	(5)	145-0	POLISH SPRING 13 (F) (Marston Stud) B Hills 8-6	B Thomson	90
310	(13)	2631-00	CARICATURE 19 (G) (White Bear Ltd) G Lewis 8-5	Paul Eddery	87
311	(6)	0-01024	SUALTACH 9 (D,BF,F,S) (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 8-5	D Harrison	96
312	(9)	0-310	GREEN BOPPER 11 (G) (T Harris) M Bell 8-5	M Fenton	90
313	(10)	4413-00	JO MELL 12 (D,G) (C Newton Jnr Ltd) T Easterby 8-4	M Birch	91
314	(1)	342-020	WHITTLE ROCK 8 (G) (Bay Horse Racing Syndicate) E Alston 8-1	J Quinn	93

BETTING: 11-2 Tarneem, 6-1 Letluce, Royal Mark, 7-1 Caricature, 8-1 Double Bluff, Sualtach, 10-1 Jo Mell, Paint It Black, 14-1 Green Bopper, Polish Spring, 16-1 Iamus, Whittle Rock, 20-1 others.

1995: ANNIVERSARYPRESENT 9-2 Paul Eddery [illegible] G Lewis [illegible] ran

FORM FOCUS

KING OF PERU 4¾l 3rd of 7 to Farhana in handicap at Salisbury (6f, good). LETLUCE 1¾l 3rd (later placed last) of 12 to Cool Edge in listed handicap at Haydock (7f, good to soft). ROYAL MARK about 3¼l 5th of 15 to Spirito Libro in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with TARNEEM neck 6th and GREEN BOPPER 11½l 15th. IAMUS 1l 2nd of 12 to High Baroque in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good) on penultimate start. DOUBLE BLUFF neck 2nd of 14 to Mick's Love in [illegible] at Haydock ([illegible]) on penultimate start Sep 95. PAINT IT BLACK 3¼l 7th of 11 to Angel Chimes in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with POLISH SPRING 1¾l 8th. SUALTACH short-head 2nd of 7 to Coyote Bluff in handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: ROYAL MARK

3.40 EAST COAST YORKSHIRE CUP

C4

(Group II: £52,482: 1m 5f 194yd) (5 runners)

401	(5)	2/14251-	CLASSIC CLICHE 250 (C,D,G,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 4-9-0	M J Kinane	95
402	(3)	250321-	COURT OF HONOUR 214 (G,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-0	J Reid	94
403	(4)	133010-	STRATEGIC CHOICE 228 (D,F,G) (M Arbib) P Cole 5-9-0	T Quinn	[illegible]
404	(1)	61211-2	GREY SHOT 15 (D,F,S) (J Smith) I Balding 4-8-9	K Darley	96
405	(2)	156022-	ASTERITA 172 (F) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 4-8-6	Pat Eddery	91

BETTING: 2-1 Classic Cliche, 9-4 Grey Shot, 5-2 Strategic Choice, 9-2 Court Of Honour, 14-1 Asterita

1995: MOONAX 4-9-0 Pat Eddery (11-4) S bin Suroor 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLASSIC CLICHE beat Minds Music 3½l in 10-runner group I Pertemps St Leger Stakes at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to soft). COURT OF HONOUR beat Royal Ballerina short-head in group I Gran Premio del Jockey Club d'Italia at San Siro (1m 4f, good to soft). STRATEGIC CHOICE beat Moonax head in 7-runner Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St Leger Stakes at Curragh (1m 6f, good). GREY SHOT head 2nd of 7 to Double Trigger in group III Insulpak Sagaro Stakes at Ascot (2m, good to firm). Previously beat COURT OF HONOUR (3lb worse off) 2½l in 7-runner group III Prix de Lutece at Longchamp (1m 7f, soft). ASTERITA neck 2nd of 11 to Sternkoenig in group III Premio Roma Vecchio at Capannelle (1m 6f, good)
Selection: GREY SHOT

4.10 DUKE OF YORK STAKES

C4

(Group III: £24,640: 6f) (12 runners)

501	(3)	6214-21	DIFFIDENT 97 (D,F,G,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 4-9-4	M J Kinane	90
502	(1)	500-242	EASY DOLLAR 19 (B,D,F,G) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 4-9-0	R Hughes	88
503	(9)	200-332	VENTURE CAPITALIST 11 (CD,F,G) (W Sewers) D Nicholls 7-9-0	R Cochrane	97
504	(4)	20-0354	BRANSTON ABBY 5 (CD,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 7-8-11	J Weaver	94
505	(2)	1034-02	LUCKY LIONEL 12 (F,G) (A Balzarini) R Hannon 3-8-11	Pat Eddery	96
506	(7)	421123-	ROYALE FIGURINE 194 (D,F,G,S) (C Pearman) M F-Godley 5-8-11	B Thomson	85
507	(11)	5500-60	WELSH MIST 11 (CD,F,G) (P Asquith) R Boss 5-8-11	K Darley	83
508	(6)	332121-	MUBHIJ 222 (C,F,G,S) (H Al Maktoum) B Hills 3-8-9	W Carson	91
509	(12)	12132-5	WOODBOROUGH 26 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-9	J Reid	86
510	(5)	14161-1	THRILLING DAY 30 (D,F,G) (Bloomsbury Stud) N Graham 3-8-6	D Harrison	90
511	(10)	124-311	PASSION FOR LIFE 30 (D,F,G) (D Waters) G Lewis 3-8-5	Paul Eddery	[illegible]
512	(8)	1212-13	WESTCOURT MAGIC 12 (D,F,G) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 3-8-5	T Quinn	95

BETTING: 5-2 Passion For Life, 11-4 Diffident, 7-1 Lucky Lionel, 8-1 Woodborough, Westcourt Magic, 10-1 others.

1995: LAKE CONISTON 4-9-4 Pat Eddery (8-11 fav) G Lewis 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DIFFIDENT beat Heart Lake short-head in conditions race at Abu Dhabi (7f, good to firm). EASY DOLLAR 2l 2nd of 6 to Young Em in listed race at Leicester (7f, good) with BRANSTON ABBY (2lb better off) ½l 3rd. VENTURE CAPITALIST head 2nd of 11 to Madly Sharp in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with WELSH MIST (4lb worse off) 7½l 8th. LUCKY LIONEL ¾l 2nd of 11 to Cool Jazz in group III Dubai Racing Club Palace House Stakes at Newmarket (5f, good to firm) with WESTCOURT MAGIC neck 3rd. MUBHIJ beat WESTCOURT MAGIC (4lb better off) 3½l in group III Willmott Dixon Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot (5f, soft). WOODBOROUGH about 7l 5th of 8 to Danehill Dancer in group III Tripleprint Greenham Stakes at Newbury (7f, good to soft). THRILLING DAY beat Bint Salsabil short-head in 11-runner group III Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). PASSION FOR LIFE beat Iktamal 1¼l in 13-runner listed race at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with EASY DOLLAR 2l and head 4th, WELSH MIST 1¾l 6th and BRANSTON ABBY about 1l 8th.
Selection: DIFFIDENT

4.40 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND RACING CHANNEL MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £5,744: 6f) (5 runners)

601	(5)		ANDREYEV (J Palmer-Brown) R Hannon 9-0	R Hughes	—
602	(2)		BELGRAVIA (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
603	(3)	4	HAWAIT 12 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) B Hills 9-0	R Hills	[illegible]
604	(4)	42	LUCAYAN BEACH 19 (BF) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-0	J Weaver	90
605	(1)	3	REFERENDUM 27 (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	95

BETTING: 7-4 Hawait, 5-2 Referendum, 4-1 Lucayan Beach, 9-2 Belgravia, 5-1 Andreyev.

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.10 LEVY BOARD SEVENTH RATED HANDICAP

(£8,068: 1m 2f 85yd) (7 runners)

1	(4)	31225-	SANDOSEA 206 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-7	J Reid	88
2	(2)	1615-00	MEDAILLE MILITAIRE 19 (CD,F) (J Hartnett) J Dunlop 4-9-5	Pat Eddery	93
3	(1)	150420/	KEY TO MY HEART 572 (C,F,S) (Mrs M Pickering) Miss S Hall 6-9-5	J Weaver	–
4	(7)	1150-35	MOMENTS OF FORTUNE 10 (D,F,G) (A Ali) B Hanbury 4-9-1	J Stack (3)	96
5	(6)	32200-1	BALL GOWN 12 (D,F,G,S) (C Lines) D Thom 6-8-10	D R McCabe (3)	[illegible]
6	(3)	14210-	QUANGO 306 (CD,F,G) (L Milligan) J Fitzgerald 4-8-9	K Fallon	90
7	(5)	1020-22	TEN PAST SIX 9 (F) (J Kennerley, Miss J Hall) M Wane 4-8-7	J Carroll	98

Long handicap: Ten Past Six 8-6

BETTING: 9-4 Ball Gown, 7-2 Sandosea, 5-1 Medaille Militaire, Ten Past Six, 6-1 Quango, 8-1 others.

1995: SHERMAN 4-8-10 R Hills (9-1) H Thomson Jones 10 ran

YORK COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S bin Suroor, 5 winners from 7 runners, 71.4%; G Lewis, 5 from 12, 41.7%; R Charlton, 12 from 40, 30.0%; M Fetherston-Godley, 5 from 19, 26.3%; P Chapple-Hyam, 11 from 50, 22.0%; P Cole, 15 from 75, 20.0%; M Stoute, 21 from 117, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: D McCabe, 3 winners from 14 rides, 21.4%; Pat Eddery, 39 from 191, 20.4%; J Tate, 3 from 17, 17.6%; M J Kinane, 10 from 60, 16.7%; W Carson, 30 from 197, 15.2%; J Reid, 18 from 143, 12.6%; T Quinn, 11 from 106, 10.4%

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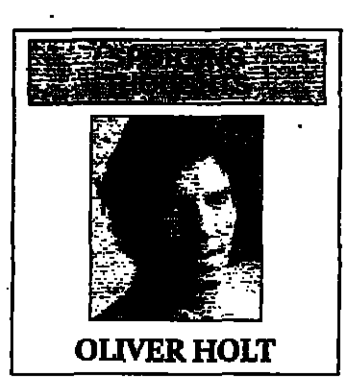
Culture vultures feed on great English myth



OLIVER HOLT

When we had finished with the Cup Final last Saturday, we went round the corner from Kev's flat in Camberwell, southeast London, and picked up a few portions of roast goat from the local West African takeaway. It was so liberally laced with chilli powder that it could have been choicest chicken or vilest dog, but it did the trick. After the mind-numbing boredom of Manchester United v Liverpool, it gave us something to talk about.

We wandered on in the shade of the concrete mass of the Walworth estate until we came to the gravel football pitch in the small park. Fifteen or 20 boys, not yet teenagers, were having a half-hearted game. There were six of us, twice their size and fortified by goat and alcohol, but they agreed to take us on with a minimum of persuasion.

As we lined up, they allotted each other their *noms de guerre*. Cantona was the most prized, of course, then Giggs. The goalie, a child of Nigerian descent and not more than 2ft 6in tall, made the perfect Schmeichel. There was even a Yeboah in there somewhere. Only towards the end did someone bag Sheringham.

Apart from him, England players did not get a look in. Not a Gascoigne, not a Shearer, most definitely not a Stone or a Platt. The young worship only success. They home in on it like a lion going for the throat. Above all, they hate underdogs.

Perhaps most important, they are too young to be tempted by the siren songs of trends such as "New Laddism". Popular culture has mobilised behind football in general, and the England team in particular, in the past couple of years and tricked some adults to elope with the promptings of our emotions, to think that England might actually have a prayer against Holland, Italy and the rest when the European championship finals begin here next month.

On Friday night, a friend phoned. He sounded choked. He had just seen the video accompanying the official England Euro 96 song at the end of *Fantasy Football* and was wiping the tears from his eyes. It was those shots of Lineker scoring against Germany in the 1990 World Cup semi-final that had done it, that and footage of Nobby Stiles's victory jig, Bobby Moore's famous tackle, Gordon Banks's save from Pelé, all set to a mesmeric chorus suggesting that football and the European trophy were "coming home" this summer.

That is only part of it, too. Liam and Noel Gallagher, the brothers at the heart of Oasis, Great Britain's most successful modern band, are fanatical Manchester City supporters. If anybody knows anything about them, it is that. The combination of their devotion to football and the fact that they sound like The Beatles has heightened the connection in people's minds between the England team of today and the golden era of the "Boys of '66".

Two weeks on Monday, this burgeoning association of football and popular culture will reach its apogee with the release of an England Euro 96 album, *The Beautiful Game*, packed with songs from bands such as Blur, Black Grape, Massive Attack and Teenage Fan Club, groups that command the loyalty of our youth.

Somehow, we have all been kidded into thinking that, because football is fashionable, then it must reflect a revival in the fortunes of the England team. In fact, the opposite is true.

It is no coincidence that the re-emergence of football fandom as an acceptable passion came at about the time that England failed to qualify for the 1994 World Cup and when our club teams have made an uneven impression at best on their return to European competition. Youth culture shies away from triumphalism. It is hip to follow failures.

So Noel Gallagher idolises Joe Corrigan and recently-relegated Manchester City, Damon Albarn, the lead singer from Blur, supports Chelsea, those perennial underachievers, and Nick Hornby agonises over Arsenal's shortcomings.

There was no football culture in 1966. There was just football. There was no search for a catharsis because there was no need to exorcise what *Three Lions (Coming Home)*, that Euro 96 song, refers to as "30 years of hurt".

England was swinging then, in the midst of the Sixties, and our footballing heroes were an integral part of it. If The Beatles were bigger than Jesus Christ; Bobby Charlton, in 1966, was bigger than The Beatles. Today's efforts to bring the team in from the periphery emphasise just how far England have fallen.

Thirty years ago, The Beatles kept football off their joke-list and sang about a *Paperback Writer*. Burton and Elizabeth Taylor concentrated on *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* and young boys playing on parks across the country dreamt of being Bobby Charlton, not an exotic foreigner. Their elders? They ate fish and chips, not roast goat.

☐ *John Bryant is away*

Advocate of change favourite to take over cricket's top job

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

THE most important appointment for the future administration of English cricket is about to be made and the job could go to a man who has already challenged the hierarchy at Lord's. Tony Cross, who last year chaired a controversial breakaway committee of the Test match grounds, has emerged as favourite to succeed Alan Smith as chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

Cross would go to Lord's from Edgbaston, just as Smith did nine years ago. As vice-chairman of Warwickshire, Cross was the leading voice in the unsanctioned Test grounds working party which proposed radical changes in the game and a voting structure, for the yet to be formed English Cricket Board (ECB), favouring the bigger counties. Publication of their plans caused division in the game and Smith, for one, was enraged.

Although peace has broken out, progress towards the ECB is still slow and the installation of Cross, when Smith retires in October, would alarm some in the shires. One plank of his committee's plan, for instance, was the immediate introduction of a two-division championship.

Cross's background is in marketing. He has been on the TCCB's marketing committee for a decade and played a part in the triumphant negotiation of television contracts in 1994. The other contenders have their backgrounds more solidly in cricket affairs, which paradoxically may count against them for what is perceived as an all-embracing job, with executive powers, at the head of an ever-expanding business.

Tim Lamb, the cricket secretary of the TCCB who is Smith's right-hand man, is still under consideration and a more surprising interviewee was Mark Nicholas, recently retired as captain of Hampshire and now bringing his innovative mind to bear as a television commentator. Steve Coverdale, chief executive of Northamptonshire, was a fourth possibility.

The appointment is being handled by a selection committee including Dennis Silk, the TCCB chairman, M. J. K. Smith, Cross's chairman at Warwickshire, and Doug Insole. A recruitment consultant has sat in on the interviews. It is believed that the salary offered is below £100,000 and that an announcement is expected shortly.

While men of Warwickshire continue to dominate at administrative level, they are also enviably powerful on the field. But a first defeat of the season, at Old Trafford on Tuesday, has committed Dermot Reeve's side to travel for their Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final, in which the draw yesterday paired them with Glamorgan at Cardiff. Last August, the teams met on the same ground in the semi-final of the NatWest Trophy. Glamorgan were bowled out for 86 and beaten *by eight wickets, but it is likely* to be much closer this time.

Lancashire, who are the 9-4 favourites to retain the trophy, are at home to Gloucestershire, who are outsiders, and the runners-up last year, Kent, have a tough task at Northampton. The most attractive tie could be at the Oval, where Surrey, capable of chasing the most improbable target, host Yorkshire.

The pick of Britannic Assurance Championship action today may be at Ilford, where Essex play Kent. Essex have won their first two games, including an extraordinary victory over Hampshire after conceding 539 in the first innings, and there is a growing belief in their dressing-room that they can mount a serious challenge this year.

Warwickshire began their defence with an innings victory over Sussex and they may not have a great deal more difficulty against Hampshire at Edgbaston. Already, it is plain that two divisions exist within a single championship table and that Hampshire, who will be captained for the first time by Robin Smith, are at the mediocre end.

So too, Durham, who flattered only to deceive at Lord's last week. Their pitiful batting collapse on the final day was indicative of a team still out of its depth and the emergent Yorkshire team should be too good for them at Chester-le-Street. At the other extreme of the country, there is justified optimism in both the Gloucestershire and Somerset sides before they meet at Bristol, for each have their best team for some years.

DRAW

Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Lancashire v Gloucestershire
Northamptonshire v Kent
Surrey v Yorkshire

Matches to be played on May 28

Steffi Graf plays a textbook backhand during her third-round defeat of Yayuk Basuki in the German Open in Berlin, a comfortable 6-2, 6-1 win that showed that she has shaken off the shock of her failure in the Italian Open last week (Alix Ramsay writes). Graf, the joint-world No 1, was detained on court for only 51 minutes by her Indonesian opponent and eased into the event's quarter-finals in what is her first appearance in front of a home crowd for almost two years. However, Martina Hingis, Graf's conquerer in Italy, had a day that she would rather forget, falling in the second round to Karina Habsudova, of Slovakia, 6-3, 7-5 and picking up a caution for racket abuse for her troubles. Habsudova is ranked No 54 in the world, 37 places below Hingis, but she has the measure of the young Swiss. They have met three times and Hingis has managed to win only one set.

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RADIO CHOICE

Not music to Stalin's ears

BBC Symphony Orchestra. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

I do not know whether Paul Guinery and Gerard McBurney, who will introduce this concert, will dwell on its political context; it would be difficult not to. All the works are by Prokofiev and Shostakovich, and two in particular are politics-orientated. Shostakovich's Symphony No 2 celebrates the tenth anniversary of the 1917 Russian Revolution; Prokofiev's Cantata celebrates the twentieth. Idealistically, both works extolled Soviet communism, but, in 1948, the two composers fell foul of Stalin's repressive measures against contemporary music. They were accused of "anti-democratic tendencies alien to the Soviet people". David Pownall's 1983 play, *Master Class*, dealt compellingly with those dark, dangerous days.

The Dream of Gerontius. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*

Can I offer some excellent advice? Before tuning in to Elgar's choral masterpiece, try to get Michael Kennedy's definitive biography, *Portrait of Elgar*. A whole chapter, jam-packed with fascinating facts, is devoted to *Gerontius*, from its conception to the disaster of its premiere in Birmingham and subsequent triumph in Düsseldorf. Birmingham could have killed off *Gerontius* — but did not. Düsseldorf could have assured it of a glorious future — and did. Tonight's performance is by the London Symphony Orchestra and chorus under Richard Hickox. The soloists are Arthur Davies, Gwynne Howell and Felicity Palmer.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 4.00am Charlie Jordan 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa I'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq and Jo Whiley 9.00 Soundbite 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Martin Kelner 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines 7.30 David Allan 9.00 Paul Jones 9.45 Gospel Train 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme incl 6.55, 7.55 Racing preview 8.35 The Magazine incl 10.35 Euronews 11.30 Health News 12.00 Midday with Mar incl 12.35pm Moneycheck with Katie Derham 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Ruscoe on Five incl at 3.05 and 3.40 Racing from York and 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide, incl 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra with Valerie Sanderson, incl at 7.20 Sport 7.35 David Gower's Cricket Weekly 9.05 SportsAmerica, with Alton Byrd 9.35 American Graffiti 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am After Hours — Early Call, with Vincent Hanna 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am The Breakfast Show with Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sport 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 7.00 Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert. See Choice 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air,** with Anbdrew MacGregor. Includes, Beethoven (String Trio in G, Op 9 No 1); Sibelius (Symphony No 5); Falla (Tres obras de Juventad); Handel (Organ Concerto in G minor, Op 4 No 1); Delius, ed Beecham (Dance Rhapsody No 2); Ravel (Mother Goose)

9.00 **Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini.** Ravel (Introduction and Allegro); Dvořák (Legend in C, Op 59 No 4); Liszt (Transcendental Studies: No 5, Feux follets; No 8, Wilde Jagd); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in A, Italian)

10.00 **Musical Encounters.** Presented by Chris de Souza. Includes, Dvořák (The Wild Dove) 10.20 *Artists of the Week*: London Baroque. Stradella (A' ple' d'annoso pino) 10.30 Mozart (Divertimento in F, K253) 10.45 *Artists of the Week*: London Baroque. Stradella (Almen dai claustri vol torbid'Austri, Lo Schiavo liberalo) 10.50 Schubert (Sonata in G, D894); C.P.E. Bach (Trio Sonata in B flat, Wq 159)

12.00 **Composer of the Week: Clara Schumann.** Presented by Lucy Parham. Soirées musicales, Op 6; Six Songs, Op 23; Piano Sonata in G minor

1.00pm **Bel canto Voices.** Patrick O'Connor's guest is Renata Scotto whose choice includes Tetrazzini, Claudio Muzio and Alfredo Kraus (3/4)

2.00 **Schools** Radio Showcase 2.05 In the News 2.25 Something to Think About 2.40 Music Workshop

3.00 **The BBC Orchestras.** The BBC Philharmonic, under Andrew Davis, with Tasmin Little, violin. Delius (Brigg Fair); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor) (r)

3.50 **Mass for the Ascension.** The Ensemble Organum directed by Marcel Pérès (r)

5.00 **The Music Machine.** The Dufay Collective and Tommy Pearson are joined by a group of Coventry students for a performance workshop on Sumer is icumen in (r)

5.15 **In Tune.** Includes, Jolivet (Mana, Six Pieces for Piano); Peter Sculthorpe (Earth Cry); Janacek (Suite: The Cunning Little Vixen)

7.30 **BBC Symphony Orchestra.** See Choice

9.35 **Picasso's Women — Marie Therese,** by Brian McAvera. Starring Josette Simon (3/4)

10.00 **Music Restored.** Ensemble Amarillis performs Baroque music for wind and continuo including pieces by François Couperin and Corelli. Introduced by Chris de Souza (1/4)

10.45 **Night Waves.** Patrick Wright explores Britain's theme parks

11.30 **Composer of the Week: Nielsen.** Jens the Road Mender, Op 21 No 1c; Sagadrom; Violin Concerto (r)

12.30am **Jazz Notes,** with Digby Fairweather

1.00 **Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Haydn (Mass in C, *Paukenmesse*) 2.35 Tragicomedia performs instrumental and vocal music by Purcell 4.00 Organ Music 5.00 Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News 9.05 Face the Facts.** With John Waite and his team of investigators

9.30 **On the Ropes.** Alan Clark (2/4)

10.00-10.30 **News; Brighton Rock** (FM only) Graham Greene's classic tale. With Steven Mackintosh, Claire Skinner, Kenneth Cranham and John Benfield (4/5) (r)

10.00 **Daily Service (LW only)**

10.15 **This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)**

10.30 **Woman's Hour**

11.30 **From Our Own Correspondent**

12.00 **News; You and Yours.** With Chris Choi

12.25pm **Looking Forward to the Past.** Paul Boateng MP with guests Ivor Cutler, Colin Dexter, Lee Hurst and Sheridan Morley 12.55 Weather

1.00 **The World at One.** With Nick Clarke

1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 **News; Charley Tango** by David Lan (r)

3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift**

4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope at Mayfest.** Paul Allen is joined on stage at the Citizens Theatre, Glasgow, by the novelist Janice Galloway and the folk group Shooglenifty to review festival highlights ranging from a highland dance extravaganza to the stage premiere of Jeff Torrington's award-winning novel *Swing Hammer Swing*

4.45 **Short Story: How I Ended Up Alone** by Brian Dooley. A young man reflects on his parents' inadequacies. Read by Tom Higgins

5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 **Six O'Clock News**

6.30 **Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue.** Comedy series by Bill Dare (4/6)

7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**

7.20 **A Celebration for Ascension Day.** From St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square

8.00 **The Purple, the Blue and the Red.** A recent history of the Church of England and its relationship with the State, written and presented by Anthony Howard (2/3)

8.45 **Better Left Unsaid?** John Irwin writes to a friend who was killed in the war

9.00 **Does He Take Sugar?** The programme for people with a disability. Presented by Frederick Dove

9.30 **Kaleidoscope at Mayfest** (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight**

10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Next of Kin** (4/10)

11.00 **Julie Enfield Investigates the Net and the Canal** by Nick Fisher (1/4)

11.30-12.00 **Ad Lib** (FM only) (r)

11.30 **Today in Parliament (LW only)**

12.00 **News** incl 12.27am Weather 12.00 **The Late Book: The Stone Diaries** by Carol Shields (4/10) (r) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 **As World Service**

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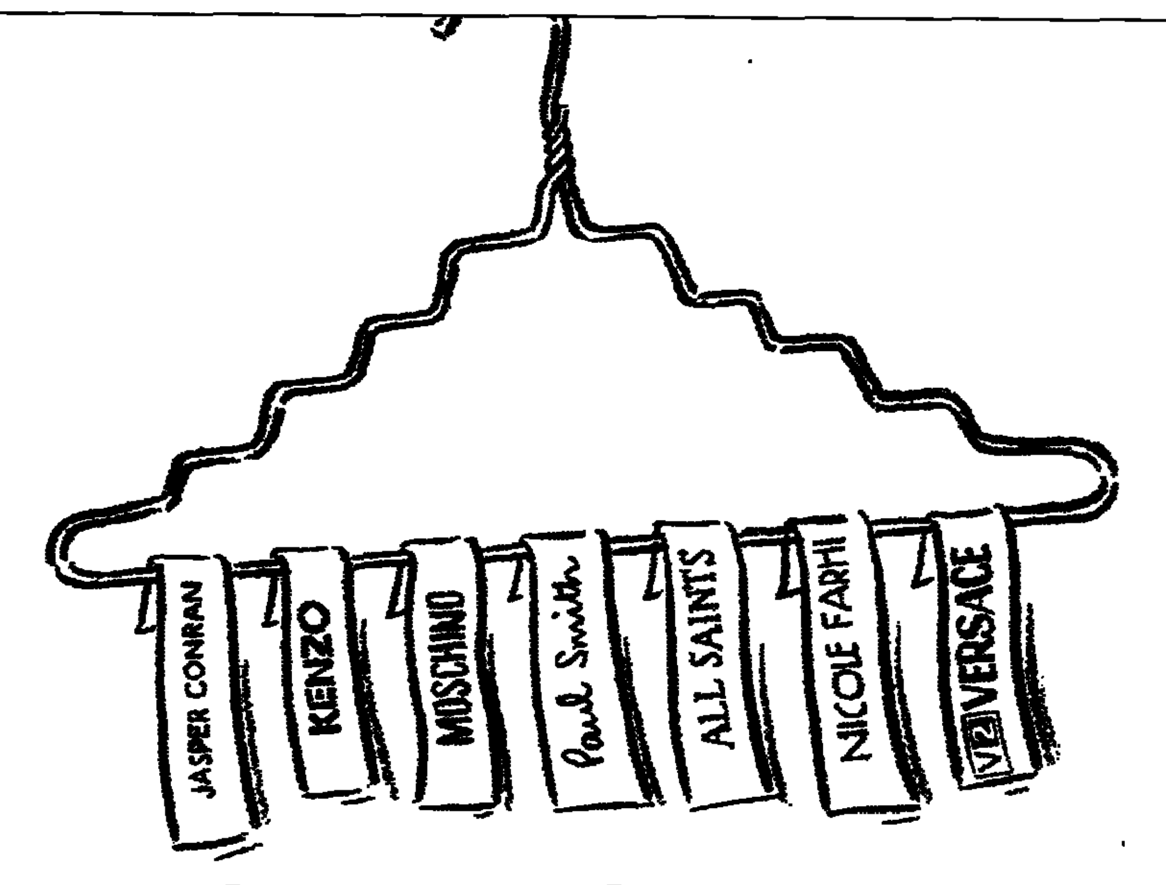

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Bosnia made clearer, from ground level

An American soldier in combat fatigues, a rifle slung at his hip and those mysterious pouches bouncing at his waistline, trudges through a snowscape towards a house that has the classic characteristic of buildings in war zones: you cannot tell if it is half-built or half-demolished.

As he walks the soldier speaks and as he speaks he eclipses David Owen, Cyrus Vance and all the other well-intentioned westerners who have strode across this land armed with maps, hopes and erudite explanations as to how Bosnia has come to this pass.

"Let's kill those babies, let's go ahead and starve people, all for power politics," is how the soldier sees the combatants. "It's nothing to do with religion, they can say that all they want. If you believe that, I gotta bridge to sell you and some ocean-front property in Arizona. This is people scrabbling for pieces of pie."

It may not be *Newsnight*, it may not be the Institute for International Relations but by heaven, it gets to the otherwise impenetrable, beating heart of the tragedy that former Yugoslavia has become. And it made **Modern Times: The Zone** (BBC2) worth the watching.

For ten minutes or so the programme seemed to be going nowhere, much like the country it was about. The camera wandered the desolation of the Zone of Exclusion in northern Bosnia, set up to offer breathing space while Serbs move out and Bosnian Muslims move in, as if the film crew had forgotten why it was there.

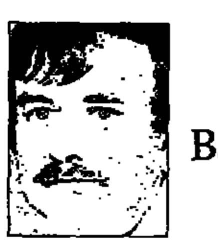
Yet slowly this technique became hypnotic. The very aimlessness began perfectly to reflect the story. Most of it was about American and Russian soldiers working together (for the first time since 1945) to police the zone.

There were hardly any civilians to be seen. An old man in the house he had built announced "I ain't moving", an old couple out in their yard worked, one each end of a bow saw, to cut logs. A young woman looked out from a building and contemplated jumping off. Chickens clucked, dogs and cats ambled in the ruins.

Even the American headquarters, which in most war zones is air-conditioned and awash with television sets, had the appearance of a village hall placed under a demolition order. The HQ did stage one of the more bizarre sights, namely a concert of folk tunes given by the Russians.

Most of their hosts, displaying a polite but devastating indifference, continued to play cards or gaze at weather maps. But the Russians had learnt something about Americans: "The Yanks don't behave anything like they do in the movies, they're like us, ordinary blokes."

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Perhaps the abiding impression was that the ordinary blokes do a better line in cynicism, or realism, than their masters. A colonel talked about being "proud to have made a difference". One of his men, cleaning a weapon, said: "I think we're just whistling Dixie, y'know what I'm saying?"

There is as yet little sign that the people of Bosnia are rushing to *join the Internet*, but their day will come and they will start to spend hours downloading, uploading and generally trying to contact the living. At least a PC never killed anyone.

Get Netted (Channel 4) is a series of three-minute programmes transmitted after *Channel 4 News* all this week. So far we have a had a couple who met on the Net, a man who runs Surfers Against Sewage via the Net and, last night, a lady called Medusa.

Don't bother, I looked it up for you. Medusa comes from the Greek *Medousa*, a Gorgon with snakes for hair (and they claim Punk is modern). Medusa is a fetishist and she is "on-line editor for *Skin Two*", a fetish magazine. The publicity claims that Medusa's Net site attracts 30,000 "visits" daily, making it as popular (on the Net) as gardening or football.

Not quite. Medusa's site gets 30,000 "hits" a day, which means people logging on to see what the site is all about, but it has only 300 to 400 actual subscribers. There is "fashion, fiction, gossip and a photo gallery". You may wonder which of these categories is the most popular but I doubt you would have to wonder for very long.

If there is a way to link *Get Netted* with **Postcards from the Country** (BBC2) it eludes me. This, the second in the series, was about the Shetlands and contained nobody who admits to wearing rubber around the croft, but you can never tell with these remote communities.

My problem with Richard Mabey's series is the same as the one I identified last week: I think it spends too much time in the past. There was a most interesting, and indeed heartening, section on the coming of oil but I wanted more of that and less herring, whales and sheep.

The reason being that for all the dire prophecies, Shetlanders (never call them Scots) have assimilated the Sullum Voe terminal astonishingly well. It has brought jobs and therefore stemmed an exodus of the young and, so far, the environmental consequences have been far from dire (otters live in the stonework of the terminal).

This is proof of the difference between living in a rural community and the outsider's romantic notion of such a place. As Rhoda Bulter, a Shetland poet, said: "The work is not romantic but where the work is is romantic."

I am enjoying Postcards and the history has been well told. But Shetland's present is worth a whole programme. It will presumably only get one when it has become Shetland's past.

● *Matthew Bond is on holiday*

6.00am Business Breakfast (14448)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (45719)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax and signing) (4468887)

9.20 Style Counsel (s) (7571448) **9.45 Kilroy** (s) (6898790) **10.30 Good Morning** (s) (15055)

12.00 News (Ceefax); regional news and weather (1881158)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (s) (5016790)

12.35 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz presented by the genial Henry Kelly (s) (4433210)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (48806)

1.30 Regional News and weather (62620784)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69158697) **2.00 The Flying Doctors** (r) (s) (92887) **N.I.: 2.00** The Balmoral Show **2.45** *Snowy River — The McGregor Saga*

3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (2540429) **3.50 Philbert the Frog** (r) (s) (6962245) **3.55 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2552264) **4.15 The Wizard of Oz** (5714581) ***4.35 Mud*** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2839974) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7298806) **5.10 The Ant and Dec Show** (Ceefax) (s) (6067413)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (458784)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (871)

6.30 Regional news magazines (351)

7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (3697)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (535)

8.00 Wildlife on One: Possums — Tales of the Unexpected. A look at the little-known possum which lives a nocturnal existence and can adapt to live anywhere in Australia from the rainforests to downtown Brisbane (Ceefax) (s) (5245)

8.30 CHOICE **Airport.** Behind the scenes at Heathrow (Ceefax) (1852)

9.00 News (Ceefax): regional news and weather (8790)

9.30 Absolutely Fabulous. Patsy and Edina fall out over the reappearance of two of Edina's intimidating friends from the 1960s (r) (Ceefax) (s) (46351)

10.00 Making Babies. Series about Britain's busiest in-vitro fertilisation clinic in London's Hammersmith hospital. Rebecca and Angus have to make a decision about going ahead with IVF and egg donation. (Ceefax) (s) (917887) **N.I.: 10.00** Spotlight **10.30** Making Babies **11.20** Question Time **12.20** FILM. Once Around **2.15** Weather

10.50 Question Time. *Political debate from London.* The guests are Sheila Masters, Rana Kabbani and MPs Peter Shore and David Howell. (Ceefax) (2031719)

11.55 FILM: Once Around (1991) starring Richard Dreyfuss, Holly Hunter and Gena Rowlands. A bittersweet romantic comedy about a young woman who leaves her close-knit Italian family after being dumped by her boyfriend. She sets off for the Caribbean, where she embarks on a turbulent passionate affair with an obnoxious salesman, which somewhat inevitably results in an emotional tug-of-war between her lover and her extended family. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom (Ceefax) (846516)

1.45am Weather (3074307)

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6.00am Open University: Silver (7153448) **6.25 Women's Studies** (7069055) **6.50 Materials** (Ceefax) (5165448)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4553516)

7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (53784) **8.00 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7204622) **8.25 Brum** (r) (5272535)

8.40 The Record (8600697)

9.05 The Biology Collection (s) (7485697) ***9.30 Techno*** (s) (5620790) ***9.45 Writing and Pictures*** (Ceefax) (s) (5625245) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (2129351) **10.25 Storytime** (s) (2256448) **10.40 Jeunes Francophones** (s) (8780061) **11.05 Space Ark** (s) (6301500)

11.15 Landmarks Extra (s) (3713177) **11.35 Landmarks — Tudors and Stuarts** (Ceefax) (s) (8501332) **12.00 Shakespeare — the Animated Tales** (Ceefax) (s) (97018)

12.30pm Working Lunch (31429) **1.00 Lifeschool** (s) (31105784) **1.25 Revista** (s) (65914993) **1.45 Numbertime** (s) (62703061) **2.00 Brum** (r) (44623581)

2.10 International Golf: The Benson & Hedges International Open from the Oxfordshire Golf Club (s) (7992968)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7745784) **3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross** (Ceefax) (s) (9490993) **3.55 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6969158)

4.00 International Golf (6974)

6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (Ceefax) (s) (996351)

6.45 The O Zone. With Gloria Estefan and Sean Maguire (s) (599806)

7.00 Best of Esther (r) (s) (1239)

7.30 Out and About. A new local leisure activities magazine (177) **N.I.:** Ar Theacnt an tSamhraidh **WALES:** *Homeland*

Maxine consults a psychic (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Secrets of the Paranormal: In Search of Jane** (Ceefax) (s) (3887)

8.30 Top Gear. In the last of the series, Jeremy Clarkson attends the car industry's secret motorshow at a Bedfordshire test track where hundreds of cars will be tested by motoring journalists and MPs (Ceefax) (s) (5622)

9.00 The Travel Show. Jonathan Futrell visits the Big Island in Hawaii, journalist Simon Calder offers a guide to the Italian city of Trieste and travel writer Sophie Campbell reports on self-catering accommodation in Cornwall (s) (6332)

9.30 CHOICE **The Poisoned Chalice: *Fool's Mate*** (2/4) (Ceefax) (s) (245531)

10.20 Close Up. Mike Leigh talks about a scene from Francois Truffaut's classic *Jules et Jim* (r) (s) (101871)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (522413)

11.15 Late Review (210806)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (21659)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone (22388)

CHOICE

Secrets of the Paranormal: Searching For Jane
BBC2, 8.00pm

The joke is that if you ask five economists to solve a problem you get six different replies. Judging by this film, much the same can be said of psychics. But this is no scoffing matter, least of all for Maxine Harrison. In June last year her sister, Jane, a mother of two, vanished from a shopping centre in north London. When Maxine suffered a second tragedy, the death of her young son, she was comforted by a medium. The experience persuaded her to seek psychic help to discover what happened to Jane. After being told contradictory stories, none of which gets her closer to the truth, she almost wishes she had not bothered. But her honesty is commendable, as is her willingness to show us what must have been fraught encounters with the spiritualists.

Airport
BBC1, 8.30pm (Scotland: May 24)

If air is the most boring form of travel, running an airport is hardly more glamorous. Viv Eggins works for British Midland as a flight despatcher. This means that she ensures that the aircraft are emptied and cleaned when they land and properly loaded for take-off. Eggins says it is better than being on the cabin crew giving out drinks. But that is before two passengers go missing at the last minute and threaten to delay a flight which is already an hour late. Meanwhile, aspiring cabin stewards are being trained to deal with such emergencies as a fire or a crash landing in the middle of the ocean, not the most encouraging introduction to the job. The brightest moments in the film feature the celebrity-spotting newspaper photographer, Dennis Stone. Ear cocked for the tip-off that will get him on the front page, he doggedly stalks Heathrow for a famous face.

Witness: Rwanda — The Betrayal
Channel 4, 9.00pm

As one of the few Western journalists in Rwanda in 1994, Lindsey Hilsum saw the tragedy at first hand. She insists that far from being a tribal war, it was genocide on a scale not seen since the Nazis. Two years later she is back in the country, pondering on the role of the Catholic Church. She asks why the moral authority of the church failed to prevent the atrocities and, indeed, why nuns and priests were among the perpetrators. Since "thou shall not kill" is one of the fundamental precepts of the Christian faith, and nearly one million people perished in this mainly Catholic country, it seems a fair question. Getting an answer is another matter. The priests interviewed by Hilsum shuffle and hedge and look embarrassed. None is prepared to accept personal guilt.

The Poisoned Chalice: Fool's Mate
BBC2, 9.30pm

The story of Britain's troubled relations with Europe moves on to 1970. De Gaulle, who vetoed Britain's bid to join the European Economic Community is dead, and Edward Heath, our most committed European, becomes Prime Minister. But it still nearly ends in tears. A revelation of the film is how pro-European Labour MPs tacitly defied their leadership to keep Heath's Government afloat. Then, as now, Europe was causing havoc with party discipline. When Labour returned to power, just as divided as the Tories, Harold Wilson's masterstroke was a referendum. Hopelessly outgunned in money and organisation, the Euro-sceptics hardly stood a chance. Rich in testimony from participants this is a compelling account, not least because of the parallels with today. **Peter Waymark**

6.00am GMTV (6864390)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7483239)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2033500)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6458177)

10.35 This Morning (50700871)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1707142)

12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4532535)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4444326) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (1833177) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (19791603)

2.25 FILM: Rich Men, Single Women (1990) Conclusion of yesterday's romantic comedy starring Suzanne Somers, Heather Locklear and Deborah Adair. Directed by Elliott Silverstein (7071429)

3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (7825974)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7824245)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (2231595) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (1199326) **3.50 Rupert** (r) (2466413) **4.15 Samson Superslug** (Teletext) (s) (5803429) **4.40 Crazy Cottage** (Teletext) (s) (2203790)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (9790887)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (499185)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (527429)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (785332)

7.00 Emmerdale. A confrontation between Kim and Tina turns nasty (Teletext) (s) (4993)

7.30 3-D. Julia Somerville covers the dangers of jet-skiing and the dilemmas facing doctors when they test children If the tests reveal untreatable disorders, should they tell parents? (s) (603)

8.00 The Bill. Croft and Greig investigate a burglary and stir up an old feud between two sisters (Teletext) (7413)

Portrait of pets as art (8.30pm)

8.30 Hollywood Pets. Animals and art: an elephant that paints with her trunk, a Los Angeles gallery containing works by cats and Jeanne Hellman's own versions of classic paintings, featuring dogs instead of humans (Teletext) (s) (9448)

9.00 Ellington: No Holds Barred. Implausible and uninvolving drama series about a sports promoter (Teletext) (s) (8429)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (28413) **10.30 Regional News** (810245)

10.40 Jenner. Drama-documentary about doctor Edward Jenner, who discovered the vaccine for smallpox 200 years ago (s) (544784)

11.10 The West This Week. A look at the Second Severn Crossing (277516)

11.40 Hunter (678806) **12.40am Carnal Knowledge** (9560659) **1.40 Not Fade Away** (s) (1950475) **2.40 Shift** (1046982) **3.35 Late & Loud** (r) (s) (1927611) **4.30** ***The Time . . . the Place*** (r) (s) (49630)

5.00 Garden Calendar (24833)

5.30 Morning News (19814)

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6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (785332)
7.30-8.00 Trains (603)
10.40 Welsh & Wealthy (544784)
11.10 Hunter (324968)
12.10am 3-D (4603630)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.25pm-12.30 My Story (1888061)

12.55 Emmerdale (4444326)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (31280429)

1.55 Home and Away (39482142)

2.25 Entertainment Today (19794790)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6568974)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9790887)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (36974)

10.30 Westcountry News (738697)

10.45 the LADS (771516)

11.15 Millionaires (778429)

11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (854784)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (4444326)

1.25 Cross Wits (31280429)

1.55 A Country Practice (69155500)

2.20 Entertainment Today (19702719)

2.50-3.20 High Road (2326719)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9790887)

6.25 Central News and Weather (535448)

6.55-7.00 Life Line (398264)

10.40 London Bridge (544784)

11.10 Revelations (277516)

11.40 Bodies of Evidence (678806)

3.35am Customs Classified (3616475)

4.20 Jobfinder (8503217)

5.20 Asian Eye (3951386)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Emmerdale (4444326)

1.25 Home and Away (31280429)

1.55 Shortland Street (69155500)

2.20 Entertainment Today (19702719)

2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (2326719)

5.10 Home and Away (9790887)

5.37-5.40 Three Minutes (255790)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (239)

6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (719)

10.40 Film: Fright Night (84038451)

12.40am Phoenix (9560659)

5.00 Freescreen (24833)

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6.00 NBA 24/7. Mark Webster and Carlton Dixon meet up with Motown Record's newest up-and-coming star Horace Brown, who talks about his rise to fame in America (581)

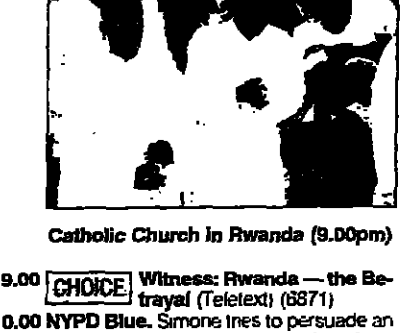
6.30 Roseanne. It's a typical Thanksgiving meal — tempers flaring, feasting and football on television. But Dan and Roseanne are anxiously awaiting her pre-natal test to learn if anything is wrong with the baby (r) (Teletext) (s) (531)

7.00 Channel 4 News (187061)

7.50 Get Netted (r) (Teletext) (s) (145429)

8.00 Wild Britain. Wasps have been around for at least 100 million years and different species have evolved remarkably diverse skills and behaviour, from wasps that excavate nesting holes in the ground to others that make clay pots to protect a single egg (4/6) (5055)

8.30 Home to Roost. The last thing divorced Henry Willows needs in his life is his son back from university, intent on rebuilding his relationship with his father. With John Thaw and Reece Dinsdale. First shown on ITV (6390)



Catholic Church in Rwanda (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Witness: Rwanda — the Betrayal** (Teletext) (6871)

10.00 NYPD Blue. Simone tries to persuade an informant, who makes a living from robbing drug-barons, to come up with some information (Teletext) (s) (659351)

10.55 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (r) (Teletext) (s) (326326)

11.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (s) (745177)

12.10am Is This Your Life? Germaine Greer in conversation with Andrew Neil (r) (Teletext) (s) (4280307)

1.00 Dispatches (r) (Teletext) (7884920)

1.45 FILM: Saturday Night at the Palace (1987) Powerful South African drama, based on Paul Slabolepsky's stage play in which he plays an out-of-work white racist who torments and harasses John Kani, the black manager of Rocco's Burger Palace in Johannesburg. With Bill Flynn (727017). Ends at **3.20**

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SKY ONE

7.00am *Undun* (81535) **9.00** Press Your Luck (3272345) **9.20** Love Connection (9686622) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (4452622) **10.40** Jeopardy! (9850887) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (3908448) **12.00** Beechy (85210) **1.00pm** Hotel (74158) **2.00** Geraldo (45245) **3.00** Court TV (8072) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5659167) **4.15** Undun (7263413) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8784) **6.00** The Simpsons (8603) **6.30** Jeopardy! (6055) **7.00** LAPD (9413) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2239) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (1061) **8.30** Animal Practice (4968) **9.00** The Commish (24177) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (27264) **11.00** Melrose Place (98871) **12.00** Late Show (2908727) **12.45am** Civil Wars (9035253) **1.30** Anything But Love (58901) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (9092253)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
9.30am Beyond 2000 (40993) **10.30** ABC Nightline (58622) **1.30pm** CBS Evening News (26239) **2.30** Parliament Live (2247239) **3.15** Parliament Live (2316852) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (69697) **7.30** Sportsline (18719) **8.30** Reuters Reports (5210) **11.30** CBS Evening News (99871) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (94291) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (83456) **2.30** Reuters Reports (61663) **3.30** Parliament Replay (17098) **4.30** CBS Evening News (22833) **5.30** ABC *World News Tonight* (51814)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am A Hard Day's Night (1964) (49806) **8.00 King Kong (1933)** (63697) **10.00 A Christmas Romance (1994)** (80719) **12.00 Two of a Kind (1983)** (59448) **2.00pm The In-Crowd (1988)** (506603) **3.50 The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm (1962)** (94136516) **6.00 A Christmas Romance (1994)** (44235581) ***7.40 US Top Ten*** (806413) **8.00 I Love Trouble (1994)** (37697) **10.00 Next Door (1995)** (635177) **11.40 Excessive Force (1993)** (108413) **1.15am Untamed Love (1994)** (690456) **2.45 Family of Strangers (1993)** (613307) **4.15 The In-crowd (1988)** (869369)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Experiment Perilous (1944) (8158) **6.00 Arsenic and Old Lace (1944)** (79662) **8.00 Android (1982)** (19239) **10.00 Once Upon a Time in the West (1968)** (31026210) **12.50am To Live and Die in LA (1985)** (147036) **2.45-4.15 City Lights (1931)** (234949)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Master of the World (1976) (43974) **7.00 The New Adventures of Little Toot (1993)** (73790) **8.00 Moontrek (1984)** (61239) **10.00 Kings Go Forth (1958)** (71061) **12.00 The World in His Arms (1952)** (40790) **2.00pm Show Business (1944)** (16158) **4.00 Moontrek (1984)** (4158) **6.00 Whose Child Is This? the War for Baby Jessica (1993)** (29622) **8.00 My Life (1993)** (35239) **10.00 The Movie Show** (62871) **10.30 Only the Strong (1993)** (60264142) **12.10am Adventures of a Taxi Driver (1976)** (231814) **1.45 Golden Balls (1993)** (363833) **3.20 Breaking the Silence (1991)** (991746) **5.00 The Prince and the Pauper (1972)** (30678)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am The Muppet Babies (92356500) **6.30** Ducktales (36873448) **7.00** Quack Attack (87871581) **7.30** Rescue Rangers (87763516) **8.00** Darkwing Duck (50411500) **8.30** Wonderland (50410871) **9.00** Lamb Chop's Play-along! (50507351) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (54156429) **10.00** The Muppet Babies (36784500) **10.30** Pooh Corner (50503536) **11.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (97834784) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (97835413) **12.00** Disney (54065852) **1.00pm** FILM Gulliver's Travels (92448177) **2.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (45519061) **3.00** Ducktales (47583603) **3.30** Quack Attack (45521806) **4.00** Rescue Rangers (45437413) **4.30** Darkwing Duck (45433697) ***5.00*** *Boy Meets World* (47595448) **5.30** Danger Bay (45520177) **6.00** Tarzan (45510790) **6.30** Dinosaurs (45438142) ***7.00*** *The Torkelsons* (47402784) **7.30** Tall Tales and Legends (91435559) **8.25-10.00** Entertainment Specials: Jackson Browne Going Home (93128516)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Aerobics (84210) **8.30** Duathlon (25245) **9.30** Football (33239) **11.30** Formula 1 (31993) **12.00** Live Formula 1 (51332) **1.00pm** Motorcycling Magazine (22806) **1.30** Mountainbike (75968) **2.00** Live Tennis (9463245) **6.00** Formula 1 (57516) **7.00** Motorcycling Magazine (7697) **7.30** Live Tennis (31326) **9.30** Formula 1 (57535) **10.30** Golf (23210) **11.30** Sailing (97564) **12.00-12.30am** Motorcycling Magazine (90727)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Inside the PGA Tour (32239) **7.30** Wrestling Superstars (99142) **8.30** Racing (42142) **9.00** Aerobics (39622) **9.30** American Sports Cavalcade (99239) **10.30** Surf Sailing (35806) **11.00** Tetley Bitter Cricket Challenge India v Sussex (1945245) **7.00pm** Sports Centre (160603) **7.05** Aintree and Folkestone — Live (29353790) ***9.00*** *Boots 'n' All* (53603) **10.00** Sports Centre (939061) **10.15** World Wide Rugby (299697) **12.15am** Futbol Mundial (225746) ***12.45*** *Boots 'n' All* (284659) **1.45** Formula Three Racing (213901) **2.15-2.30** Sports Centre (9348123)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm US Senior Nationwide Championship (9919577) **9.00** Ford Scorpio US PGA Golf Colonial — Live (9454871) **11.00** Formula Three Racing (6602993) **11.30** Trans World Sport (4199061) **12.30am-1.00** Inside the PGA Tour (7421123)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Carman Times Two **5.00** Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music **5.45** This is Your Day with Benny Hinn **6.15** TBA **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (8394719) **7.55** As the World Turns (2312852) **8.50** Peyton Place (7639806) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (1304326) **10.10-11.00** Another World (4465581)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (6510784) **11.30** Sports Vacations (6211413) **12.00** Things for Kids to Do in Florida (7110719) **12.30pm** Floyd on Oz (2253764) **1.00** Getaway (2262403) **1.30** Around the World in 80 Minutes (3282365) **2.00** [illegible] (part [illegible]) (5131592) **3.00** Globetrotter (4114968) **3.30** Around the World in 80 Minutes (7551352) **3.55-4.00** [illegible]

Charles Bronson stars in classic western (Movies Gold 10.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm *Our Century* (6607264) **5.00** Memories of 1971 (4201448) **6.00-7.00** Biography: Marco Polo (3374603)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am The Six Million Dollar Man (9048543) **2.00** FILM In the Aftermath — The Angel Never Sleeps (24346524) **3.10** Sci-fi Buzz (31729494) **3.35-4.00** Inside Space (31779272)

TLC

9.00am Simply Painting (1666719) **9.30** Grow with Joe (7518142) **10.00** Dogs with Dunbar (5405055) ***10.30*** *Our House* (1655603) **11.00** Homemaker (6054784) **11.30** Craftwise (6065413) **12.00** Julia Child (1573085) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (7692158) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7426351) **1.30** Furniture to Go (7691429) **2.00** Our House (1760210) **2.30** The Garden Show (1777697) **3.00** It's a Vet's Life (1872245) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (1722142)

UK GOLD

7.00am Pe[illegible] (7323210) **7.30** Neighbours (7415245) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1572226) **8.30** EastEnders (1571697) **9.00** The Bill (1668177) **9.30** The Sullivans (7510500) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7411429) **11.00** Bullseye (6056142) **11.30** Gibberish (7342332) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (55258603) **12.30** Neighbours (7694516) **1.00** EastEnders (5068332) **1.35** Sykes (5701608) **2.15** Brush Strokes (7620535) **2.50** Butterflies (9038210) **3.30** *The Bill* (1724500) **4.00** Minder (6143622) **5.00** Every Second Counts (7648790) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (6146622) ***8.25*** *EastEnders* (4114448) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (2994581) **8.00** Bullseye (1875332) **8.30** Home James (1798239) **9.00** *Miss Marple The Body in the Library* (2096993) **10.00** The Bill (4557413) **10.35** Bottom (9455177) **11.10** The Sweeney (2284535) **12.15am** Classic Sport (1657630) **1.15** Public Eye (9257543) **2.10-3.30** Shopping (40377765)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (54516) **6.30** Degrassi Junior High (72448) **7.00** Ready or Not (69235) **7.30** California Dreams (10142) **8.00** Byker Grove (87239) **8.30** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (73210) **9.00** Pink Panther (66790) **9.30** Garfield and Friends (65451) **10.00** Eek the Cat (83500) **10.30** Creepy Crawlers (62974) **11.00** Casper and Friends (83326) **11.30** Dinobabies (84055) **12.00** Tiny TCC (80326) **12.300pm** Tiny TCC (26582) **1.30** Sesame Street (76041) **2.30** Tiny TCC (5974) ***3.00*** *Eek the Cat* (2036) ***3.30*** *Pink Panther* (7719) **4.00** California Dreams (3326) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (2210)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dungeons and Dragons (38500) **6.30** Galaxy High (97622) **7.00** Mr Men (4860887) **7.05** Teenage Turtles (3041897) **7.45** Rugrats (5623245) **8.00** Doug (4238697) ***8.15*** *Real Monsters* (4324448) **8.30** Rocko's Modern Life (40784) **9.00** Biker Mice (37264) **9.30** Pet Shop (78055) ***10.05*** *Bananas in Pyjamas* (5272245) **10.10** Babar (9430500) **10.35** Topsy and **10.50** Banans in Pyjamas (7216158) **11.00** Children's BBC (24284) **12.00** Magic Bus (44500) **12.30pm** Grimmy (72871) **1.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (22852) **1.30** Visionaries (71142) **2.00** Pet Shop (9055) **2.30** Children's BBC (99852) **3.30** Teenage Turtles (3177) **4.00** The Ferals (9784) **4.30** Rugrats (4044697) **4.45** Doug (4032852) **5.00** Sister Sister (6535) **5.30** Clarissa (2448) **6.00** Alex Mack (2061) **6.30-7.00** Afraid of the Dark? (8023)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (1814177) **4.30** Nature/Nature (1803061) **5.00** Deep Probe Expeditions (1790697) **6.00** Paramedics (1728326) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5809413) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (1804790) **8.00** The Professionals (2901871) **9.00** Hitler (2094535) **10.00** American Retro (2097622) **11.00-12.00** Cool Head, Cold Blood (7330500)

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (1560581) **12.30pm** William Tell (7516784) **1.00** Jason King (7511239) **2.00** Department S (5493210) **3.00** The Saint (6053055) **4.00** FILM: The Fiction Makers (1870887) **6.00** The Green Hornet (1715852) **6.30** Department S (5803239) **7.30** Dead at 21 (1808516) **8.00** Planet of the Apes (2905697) **9.00** Twin Peaks (2081061) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Stuff Stephanie in the Incinerator (6052326)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Different Strokes (3871) **7.30** Entertainment (6697) **8.00** Benson (2719) **8.30** Wings (8326) **9.00** Soap (23974) **9.30** Taxi (65535) **10.00** Entertainment (25429) **10.30** The Cell Block (71968) **12.30am** Soap (89123) **1.00** Taxi (53253) **1.30** *Laverne and Shirley* (67889) ***2.00*** *Entertainment* (96272) **2.30** The Critic (15307) **3.00** Dr Katz (72017) **3.30-4.00** Rocky and *Bullwinkle* (54889)

UK LIVING

6.00am *Kilroy* (8398622) **7.00** Esther (5073516) **7.30** Young and Restless (4657577) **8.20** Gladrags and Glamour (4783167) ***8.30*** *Going to Pot* (6276784) **9.00** The Taste of Health (6822055) **9.35** Kate and Allie (9268090) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (5483974) **10.05** Jerry Springer (2680806) **11.00** Young and Restless (7075326) **11.55** Brookside (6852448) **12.30pm** Dangerous Women (7154264) **1.25** Catchword (9255535) **2.00** Agony Hour (5088968) **3.00** Live at Three (8262697) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9680581) **4.30** Crosswits (2048993) ***5.05*** *Lingo* (15791852) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (9753245) **6.00** Bewitched (9750158) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (3454332) ***7.05*** *Brookside* (3183974) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (7521983) **8.00** Street Legal (1747968) **9.00** FILM: *There Must Be a Pony* (72475871) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (8685429) **11.00-12.00** The Erogenous Zone (5082264)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Boogies Diner (5061) **5.30** Night Hood (9790) **6.00** Batman (6603) **6.30** Catchphrase (4055) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (9697) **7.30** Me and the Boys (4068) **8.00** *The Beiderbecke Connection* (11697) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries Shake Hands Forever (97061) **10.00** Round the World *Treasure Hunt* (79608) ***11.00*** *Neon Rider* (17055) **12.00** Trivial Pursuit (49017) **12.30am** Me and the Boys (92611) **1.00** Batman (21307) **1.30** All Together Now (45475) **2.00** Big Brother Jake (49388) **2.30** Neon Rider (94185) **3.30** All Together Now (42475) **4.00** Trivial Pursuit (23340) **4.30-5.00** Night Hood (35712)

MTV

7.30am Green Day Special (12500) **8.00** *Morning Mix Featuring Cinematic* (853142) **11.00** Star Trax (53608) **12.00** Greatest Hits (95790) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (79351) ***3.00*** *Select MTV* (60429) ***4.00*** *Hanging Out* (29332) **5.30** Dial MTV (8448) **6.00** Soap Dish (8061) **6.30** The Big Picture (6413) **7.00** Star Trax (29185) ***8.00*** *MTV Special* (13065) **9.00** X-ray Vision (79177) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (65061) **11.00** Headbangers Ball (65852) **1.00am** Videos (3691307) **5.00** Awake on the Wildside

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (1814103) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (2892622) **12.00** Heart and Soul (3387177) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (3290697) **2.00** Ten of the Best Sandie Shaw (3331513) **3.00** Into the Music (5006887) **6.00** Happy Hour (3376061) **7.00** VH-1 for You (9540622) **8.00** Thursday Review (9453142) **9.00** Ten of the Best: Sparks (9546806) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (9549993) **11.00** Blues for Greeny (9064581) **12.30am** VH-1 to 1: Mariah Carey (7490253) **12.30** The Bridge (7490253) ***1.00*** *Ten of the Best: Hal* Ketchum (9040901) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **5am** to **7pm on satellite, 24 hours on cable**

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (86463852) **7.30** Asian Morning (28739055) **8.30** Zee Presents (47843516) **9.00** Sharon ke Karvan (47761968) **9.30** Your Zindagi (57067429) **10.00** Tara (86471871) **11.00** Shakti (18026055) **11.30** Urdu Serial: Ukoose (17450974) **12.30pm** Buniyaad (57061245) **1.00** Hindi FILM: Bhaharen Phir Bhi Aayengi (27114513) **4.00** ZEE Top Ten (18113535) **5.00** Zee Zone (19605245) **5.30** Rang Tarang (79930245) ***6.30*** *Zee and U* (59754177) **7.00** Ten Bhi Chup Men Bhi Chup (19512581) **7.30** Galaxzee (59743061) ***8.00*** *News* (19601429) **8.30** Andaz (19613264) **9.00** Urdu Serial: TBA (65880245) **10.00** Zee Horror Show (47848061) **10.30** Yaadon ke Rang (47751581) **11.00** Commander (18114264) **11.30-12.00** Aap Ki Farmaish (29767055)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm The Great Lie (1941) (87762887) ***9.00 2010 (1984)*** (1429061) ***11.15 Love Crazy (1941)*** (65405036) **1.00am Jungle Street (1963)** (64053727) **2.30-5.00 2010 (1984)** (63394391)

CNN/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Benny Carter **8.00** Ana **8.30** *Picasso* ***10.00*** *Opera Stories* **11.00** Gulliana **11.30** Ana **12.00-1.00am** Mel Lewis

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Tour's arrival in Britain provides evidence of continental drift

Europe on course for change

By John Hopkins
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

MARC ASPLAND

Ballesteros cuts a lonely figure during the pro-am at The Oxfordshire yesterday before the Benson and Hedges International Open today

IF EVIDENCE were needed of the changing nature of the PGA European Tour, then the circumstances surrounding the Benson and Hedges International Open, which starts this morning at The Oxfordshire Golf Club, near Thame, supply many compelling examples of it. It may be in France that the more things change the more they stay the same, but, in golf, the more things change the more different they become.

It is now mid-May, barely one month from midsummer, and the European tour — with fifteen tournaments completed this year — has just pitched its tents at a venue in Britain for the first time. Although next week's event, the Volvo PGA Championship, is at Wentworth, a golf course that was designed three-quarters of a century ago and is as British as roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, this week's venue is representative of an increasing number of courses over which this type of competition is now being played, in that it was designed by an American architect, financed by the Japanese and opened in 1993.

The West Course at Wentworth is superbly traditional, all understated and testing. The Oxfordshire, like so many American-style golf courses, slaps you in the face the moment you set eyes on it, which could be from the nearby M40. The course seems to jump up and down in front of you, telling you how strong and demanding it is. "It's Florida in England," Colin Montgomerie said. "America has an unlimited supply of these courses. We don't, so we have to build new ones and that brings in the word: 'water'."

A further example of the change that is all around us is the presence of 6ft 8in Gordon Sherry, competing in his first European tour event as a professional after coming seventeenth in the Scottish Professionals' Championship last week. The ballyhoo surrounding Sherry, who only turned professional last month after the Masters, has been as big as his feet. This is only to be expected for a man who finished fourth in a professional event last summer, anchored Britain and Ireland to victory in the Walker Cup in September and has a personality as big as, well, his feet.

Sherry will formally graduate from Stirling University in a few weeks. Meanwhile, he is relishing the less physical aspects of the professional game, which require him to play only 18 holes each day. As an amateur, he had to negotiate 36 holes in practice on a Friday and then tackled 72 holes on Saturday and Sunday. He is talking a good fight. "The level of my ambition is to become the No 1 golfer in the world," he said. "It always has been but it can't happen overnight."

There is more evidence that this season has been far from usual — and not only because nine events so far have been dominated or disrupted by rain. This year, a surprising number of golfers have won for the first time. With his comfortable victory in Madrid last Sunday, Padraig Harrington became the sixth such winner this season.

Montgomerie: hopeful

What does this mean? Is it an indication of the depth of golfing talent in Europe, a fluke or a sign that the make-up of the fields so far has not been of the highest quality? "It is good," Montgomerie said. "People are coming through and winning in clutch situations. It is good for the tour, for the Ryder Cup and for everyone.

"Last week's winner did well with 36 holes to go and had only just turned pro. In my first year, if I got into a position to win, I tended to throw it away. To play as he did was a tremendous effort."

Severiano Ballesteros holds a more pragmatic view. "This week, or perhaps last, marks the start of the season," he said. "But I don't want to take any credit from those who came along and won. I haven't paid much attention and I haven't played very much. There are a few good players coming through but I don't see a superstar right now."

Ballesteros, who is unquestionably a superstar, albeit a fading one, was as accurate with this observation as he has been off-target with some of his drives lately. There are no new superstars on the horizon and with all 12 of Europe's Ryder Cup players competing here, it is short odds on an established player claiming the first prize. But who knows what could be about to happen?

Shearer poised to shine in Old Trafford firmament

By Peter Ball

MANCHESTER United are understood to be close to signing Alan Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers and England forward, for a fee thought to be in the region of £10 million.

Shearer's advisers are reported to have met Martin Edwards, the United chairman, and Alex Ferguson, the manager, on Tuesday evening, but, as Shearer is with the England squad this week, the signing will not be completed yet. It may be further delayed as Ferguson goes on holiday on Saturday.

The transfer negotiations are not yet complete, but a United insider said: "It is very close." However, he warned, "but they were very close with Anderton and Boban too."

If it does go through, it will be possibly the greatest transfer coup of Ferguson's career. United wanted to sign Shearer when he joined Blackburn from Southampton for a then-record £3.3 million four years ago, but at the time were unable to match the salary Blackburn offered. Two FA Cup and Premiership doubles later, United are far and away the richest club in the country and their old wage structure has been left behind.

The move will obviously raise questions over the future of Andy Cole, the club's previous record signing less than 18 months ago. Cole has consistently struggled since moving from Newcastle for £7.5 million. If the move does go through, it will be a shattering blow to Blackburn supporters, and, indeed, to those of Newcastle United, who have been eager to see Shearer back on his native Tyneside.

Glenn Hoddle, the newly-appointed coach, watched his first England training session since his appointment yesterday. Hoddle saw the squad being put through its paces at Bisham Abbey in preparation for the game against Hungary at Wembley on Saturday.

Later he had lunch with the players, but took no part in the training session. There had been criticism of Terry Venables, the coach, for refusing to invite his successor to take an active part in the side's European championship campaign. "He came to look at the Bisham Abbey set-up. It was a chance to see how everything works," an FA spokesman said.

"Terry was fully aware and fully supportive of him doing that, and invited him back to the hotel for lunch with the squad."

Venables will slim down his squad to around 25 for the tour of Hong Kong and China. Two players will be cut from this week's training group with Gary Pallister, of Manchester United, and Steve Howey, of Newcastle, the most likely victims.

Venables has no doubts about the fitness of Pallister, who recovered from a persistent sciatic problem to play a leading part in the culmination of Manchester United's capture of the double.

After missing 21 games from December, he, like Tony Adams and Anderton, would return to the squad refreshed. However, his back still plagues him sufficiently to restrict his training which is probably a risk too many for England in the championship.

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"He can't play more than one game per week. He must rest four or five days then go into the gym and get himself right," said Venables.

"With Howey, Adams and Pallister it would be taking a bit of a gamble to risk all three for a schedule that could produce six games in little over three weeks."

Adams, recovered from a cartilage operation, has given himself four days' training with England to reach a self-appraisal of his own position, and Pallister will at least be on standby.

David Gregory, 50, a specialist in retail and town centre marketing, has been appointed the FA's acting commercial director after the controversial resignation of Trevor Phillips last week.

☐ The Greek Government last night promised to act quickly to restore the country's football teams to international competition. Fifa, the world governing body, suspended the Greece national team and the club sides for failing to comply with its regulations.

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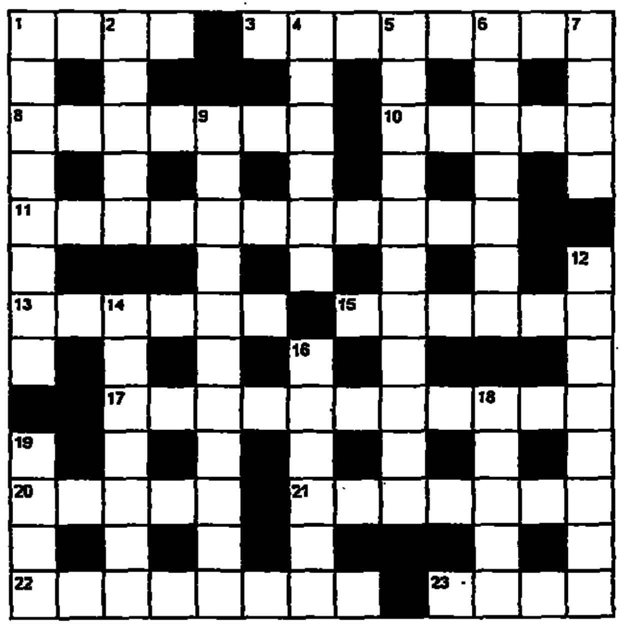

ACROSS
1 Spout forth (4)
3 A disinfectant acid (8)
8 Altar hanging (7)
10 Vision (5)
11 Having faultlessly by heart (4-7)
13 Self-confidence, poise (6)
15 Carry out retaliation (for) (6)
17 Based on the Gospels; low church (11)
20 Japanese 17-syllable poem (5)
21 Resistance to movement (7)
22 *Much Ado* constable (8)
23 The Fluter who had a ball; sounds like *occupy* (4)

DOWN
1 Make present look attractive (4-4)
2 Scrape clean (5)
4 Seductive attraction (6)
5 A type-style; a hounded family (*C. Doyle*) (11)
6 Alleviate (7)
7 Sweet and pretty (4)
9 Floppy strip for sizing (4-7)
12 Drag under ship (as punishment) (8)
14 Staring with lust (7)
16 More unattractive (6)
18 Drawback; comprehend; be infected with (5)
19 African country; hole-punch bits (4)

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Lewis's lawyers close to Tyson deal

LENNOX LEWIS could be close to signing a deal to challenge Mike Tyson for the World Boxing Council title (Srikumar Sen writes). Lawyers representing the two heavyweights are having talks in New York, Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said yesterday.

Maloney had called a press conference by telephone link-up yesterday afternoon to make an announcement about the title bout, but called off the conference at the last moment as talks had reached a crucial stage.

However, Maloney gave the distinct impression that discussions had taken a positive turn after months of litigation.

Maloney said: "There are a number of meetings going on with lawyers, with Don King Productions and Main Events (Lewis's American promoters), plus representations by Pannix Promotions. There is dialogue on both sides and, while there's dialogue there's hope. It would be harmful on both sides to come out with a statement. There will be a release as soon as we have any news. Time strategy is being negotiated. I've been informed by my lawyers that the talks are positive on both sides."

Don King, Tyson's promoter, has tried in vain before 14 judges in six court appearances to overturn a New Jersey Superior Court ruling that Lewis must be Tyson's next opponent.

The main obstacle to the deal was the $15 million that Lewis was demanding. King considered it too much and offered $12 million. In view of King's latest reverse in the New Jersey Supreme Court, it would be surprising if Lewis is in a mood to accept a lower figure.

Yankees hail the Doc's recovery

Keith Blackmore on a fallen idol pitching in again with the stuff of baseball legend

WHEN Dwight Gooden burst on to the baseball scene with the New York Mets in 1984, he seemed ready-made for sporting legend. Ten years later, his talent and fortune dissipated, he seemed more likely material for one of the tragic made-for-television movies favoured by the American networks.

The rise and fall of Dr. K. might have served as a parable for any parents wishing to warn their children against the perils of success. Then, on Tuesday, the fallen idol, whose name had become synonymous with weakness and failure, rose again to reclaim some of his dignity.

Gooden was 20 when his star first flashed across the New York firmament. A pitcher, his fast ball was so fast and accurate that it was almost unhittable. He earned a new name, Dr. K., by setting records for strike-outs (a K denotes a strike-out in the scorebook) and turned the Mets from strugglers to contenders. In 1984, he was the National League Rookie of the Year. In 1985, he won the pitchers' crown, a Cy Young award, when leading the Mets to only their second World Series championship.

The Hall of Fame beckoned and a fortune poured down on him — and the Doc buckled beneath it. By 1987, he was admitting using cocaine and taking a voluntary suspension from baseball. His arm became injury-prone. In 1992, he was one of three Mets charged with raping a woman in Florida, although he was never prosecuted. In 1994, he failed a drug test — cocaine again — then failed two more while he was under suspension and supposedly rehabilitating himself.

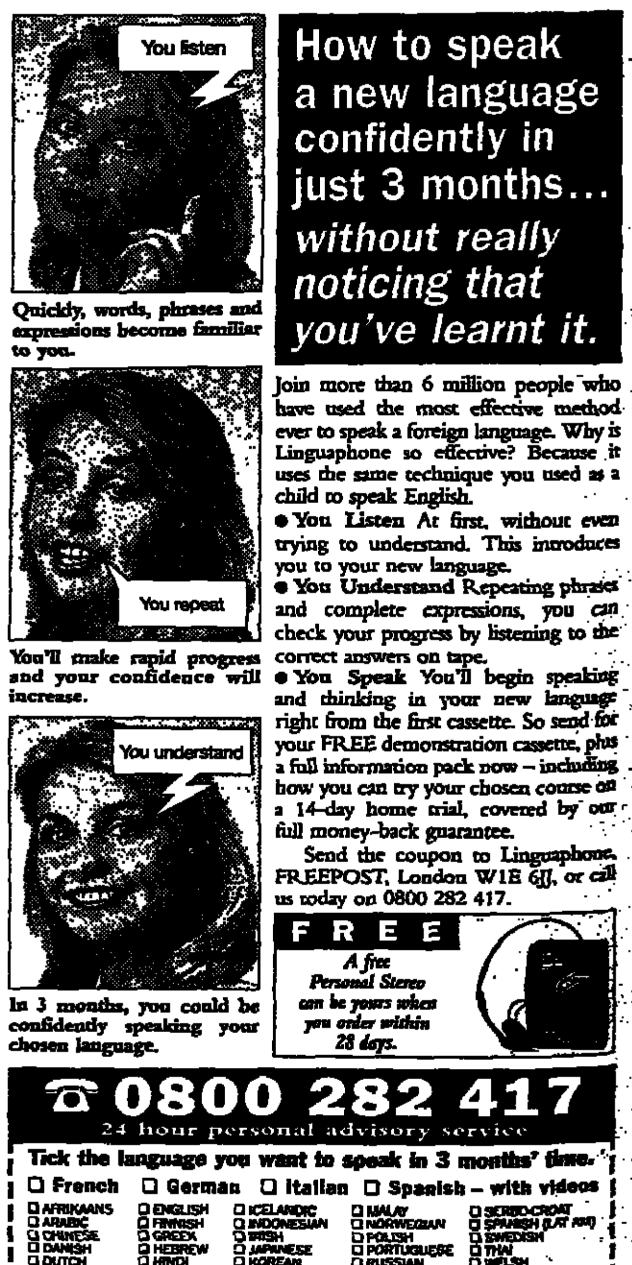
Gooden received a standing ovation at Yankee Stadium

He was banned from baseball for the whole of the 1995 season and the Mets let him go. His career seemed over, his promise unfulfilled.

Then the other New York team, the fabled Yankees, desperate for pitchers, took a chance. They handed him a job this season as their fifth starter. Gooden's legendary fast ball had disappeared but he had compensated by developing a cunning breaking pitch.

Even so, his first games ended in defeat. Then, last week, he won at last. It was a step towards rehabilitation. On Tuesday, he took a giant leap. At Yankee Stadium he pitched all nine innings of the 2-0 win against the Seattle Mariners without allowing a single hit. Even the Yankees have had only ten no-hitters in their 93-year history (the Mets have had none).

"It was the greatest moment of my career," Gooden said after his team-mates had carried him from the field and Yankee Stadium had given him its rarest honour, a standing ovation. One more failed drugs test and a life ban would surely follow but, for now, the Doc is once again the toast of the town.



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